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Two Margaret Wilson Awards

A few years ago Liphook Community Magazine received a legacy from Margaret Wilson who was a past President and Editor of the magazine.

This legacy has been used to provide the children's award but this year we are also adding a new award - The Margaret Wilson Community Spirit Award.

The Margaret Wilson Award for Schools

This year the subject was Music with citations being provided by the children's teachers.

Many congratulations to all the children who have been presented with a certificate and a £25 book token.

YEAR 1

June really enjoys music and takes part enthusiastically in lessons each week. She listens carefully to her teacher, always tries her best when learning new songs with her class and shows a fantastic understanding of beat and rhythm. She has also enjoyed taking part in iRock sessions and playing as part of a band.



YEAR 4

Lolly's enthusiasm for music is exceptional. During her time in the Junior school she has taken part in a wide range of music clubs and ensembles, from samba drumming to our Young Voices choir. She is an integral member of Recorder and Ukulele Club, where she plays the tenor recorder, and is also learning to play the flute.

YEAR 4

Stanley shows amazing dedication to learning the recorder. Despite being one of the newer players in our Recorder and Ukulele Club, he has quickly become a vital member of the team. He listens carefully, tries his best in every rehearsal and is super organised; always remembering to bring his music and instrument to each practice.

YEAR 2

Bellamy shows fantastic focus in music lessons and is always keen to join in. He enjoys playing percussion instruments and taking part in singing games with his friends. Bellamy thinks very carefully about the music that we listen to in class, shows excellent musical understanding and always has great ideas to share.



The Margaret Wilson Community Spirit Award

This year the magazine has used some of this funding to support a new Award to be known as the Margaret Wilson Community Spirit Award.

One of the aims of the magazine is to encourage a community feeling in the village so we are going to feature an annual opportunity for the village to thank an individual or group who has made a contribution to village life.

This will be in the form of a Shield and Certificate.

Now, in June 2023, the magazine is asking you to nominate the person, or persons, who you feel has in the past year

contributed to village life, helped an individual or groups of people and who has put others before themselves.

Please send in your nomination, with a short paragraph explaining why you feel they should be honoured to:
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In July, a group of local village people will read the nominations and select one to receive the Shield for 2023.

The recipient will be invited to receive their Shield and Certificate at the magazine AGM in October, with full story and pictures appearing in the Winter issue of this magazine.

The Clock Shop

By Simon Catford.

The Ayling family - father and then son - have been repairing and restoring clocks since the early 1950's and the shop in Station Road is a familiar landmark on the face of Liphook. I went along to speak to proprietor George Ayling about the family business and am grateful for his assistance in preparing this short article.



Clock Shop frontage in Station Road.

"Time and tide waits for no man" as the expression goes and having spent his whole career marking, measuring and keeping time George knows only too well how valuable a commodity time is. Valuable in the sense that one cannot waste a second but also that his many customers over the years place great value on their timepieces and readily invest considerable sums to ensure their good running order. A well-made clock is a work



The Station Clock.

of art and George has derived great pleasure and - on occasions - experienced significant challenges in ensuring these time-pieces are kept in the condition that they deserve. Space does not allow for a list of examples that he has worked on nor which are his favourites but suffice to say that each one is different and has its own story to tell.

That said, he is particularly proud of the station clock he made from scratch (pictured) which hangs above the counter in his small shop.

As a schoolboy, George was always interested in mechanical things; "Clock repairing is basically just engineering on a very small scale!" he jokes and he learnt a lot from his father. After attending Hackney Technical College, the father and son team worked together for many years, taking on the current shop in the mid-1970's. Ayling Senior sadly passed away in 1999 and since then George has been working on his own, his children preferring not to enter the family business.

But how has the world of clock repairing changed over the years? Certainly there are fewer and fewer skilled craftsmen like George to whom one can turn as needs dictate but at the same time, people tend not to own such complex instruments nowadays either through lack of space (grandfather clocks don't fit in many modern houses!) or the dislike of dark-wood cabinets. However even as the market shrinks, it continues to place great demands on George's orderbook and he has never been busier. And at a time of life when he would like to slow down a bit. That time thing again . . .

So as he contemplates the next stage of his life, what memories does he have of his fascinating career? "Meeting people has always been part of the fun and advising them of their requirements", he says. "And on occasions finding something I've never come across before which is a delight and a challenge in equal measure. The clock in the Station Box at Hollycombe Steam Collection is a case in point; it is exactly the same escapement as that used in Big Ben - "very rare indeed". (a double three-legged gravity escapement in case you're interested). And he was proud to be able to restore an 18th century clock originally made by local clockmaker Nicholas Bunch from Bramshott which is now on display at the Heritage Centre.

The above is but a snapshot of the world of clock repair and restoration but it is clear that George's legacy will last well into the future. Which is what time does . . .

Liphook Day Centre

By Jeanette Kirby.

Officially opened in 1983 and now celebrating its 40th Anniversary, the Day Centre is run in the Peak Centre, accessed off the Midhurst Road car park. The Centre provides a safe and happy atmosphere for the elderly living in the parish and further afield, whilst giving their families and carers some respite. The Centre has now started a breakfast club as an add-on service, where clients can arrive early and have a cooked breakfast with their carer.

A key feature of the Peak Centre is that it is self-contained with a large lounge area, decorated with the artwork of the clients, and has a sunny, enclosed, outside space. The atmosphere is very much akin to a large family group with lots of activities to keep the clients mentally and physically active.

The support needed to run the Day Centre consists of two dedicated managers (who are also fabulous cooks) and a keen band of volunteers. The opportunities for people who can offer a small amount of their time are wide and varied and can either be in the Centre or in your own time. They include - fundraising or having ideas for events, making items for sale, helping with crafts,

being a volunteer driver, helping to maintain a small garden adjoining the Centre, entertaining the clients for an hour if you have a particular talent, doing a small amount of shopping for clients, helping serve meals and refreshments and joining in with activities.

New clients are always welcome so come and have a 'taster' session. If you know of someone, or you and your friends would like to come along and see what the Centre has to offer then please get in touch with our managers on info@liphookdaycentre.co.uk phone **01428 724941**, or have a look at our Facebook page to see more photos and videos of our activities.



Seated 'volleyball'.

The Tantum Trust

By Jane Slater.
Photos by Fay Boyett.



Shop frontage in Station Road.

You have probably seen The Tantum Trust charity shops in Liphook, Haslemere, Grayshott and Bordon and indeed may have donated or bought goods. The charity has been established for 31 years and the founding principles are even more relevant now than they were all those years ago.

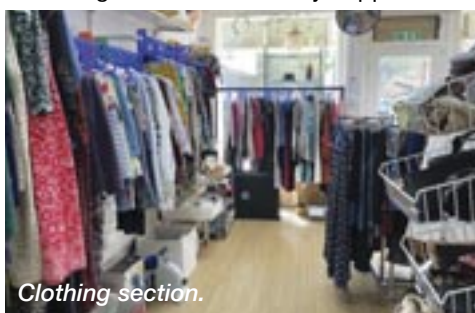
The charity was the brainchild of local businessman, Carl Tantum. In his role as a financial adviser at Headley Financial Services and running the Bordon and Whitehill Chamber of Commerce he regularly met local residents in desperate financial need and so decided to do something about it.

Carl's good idea to give back to the community stemmed from an education which had as its main ethos Benedictine values, amongst which was 'Love thy neighbour'. This was reinforced later by work with the St. Vincent de Paul Society - again, whose main principles are the relief of poverty and care in the Community.

The initial aspirations were modest. A few rails in the front lobby of the Elizabeth Dibben Centre off Forest Road, Bordon. Followed by an agreement to pay rent based on turnover for a back room done with the help of the community officer at the District Council. This worked well. A bit later there was enough confidence to pay a commercial rent at the Forest Centre, Bordon and start the wonderful relationship with the local community which exists to this day.

Today there are 4 shops, employing 7 people with an army of 40 volunteers. The engine room is a small office in Bordon managed by Sue Nicolson who has been running it since 2017. It is Sue's tireless endeavours to make as much profit as possible coupled with the enthusiasm of the shop workers that squeezes every little bit of value out of the goods donated that has enabled the Tantum trust to give grants of over £1.25m since it started.

There is a board of trustees made up of 8 local people from all backgrounds. It is important to the charity that the trustees come from all walks of life with a range of experience and knowledge as what ultimately happens to the money raised is down to them.



Clothing section.

The trustees meet monthly to discuss all elements of the business and most importantly to discuss the grant applications. Not all are approved

but the objective is to help as many people as possible within a defined geographical area. Typically grants range from £250-£750 and could be for such things as replacing a cooker in a family home where there is simply no excess income, to paying for therapy for a child who cannot wait for the NHS to deliver it. All the grant applications now come via an agency such as Citizens Advice, Social Services, a headteacher, GP and so on. The trustees do not get to see the names of the applicants but they do ask for plenty of background as well as financial statements so that they can distribute the grants effectively.

Each Christmas the charity distributes vouchers to families nominated by local schools as being the most in need. Typically a family will receive a supermarket voucher to spend on Christmas food. This year there was a steep increase in the number of families needing support and as the year continues to be challenging financially for so many, the requests for grants has also increased.

The Tantum Trust is always looking for additional funding as relying on the surpluses from the shops does not always cover the needs. Corporate sponsors are welcome and additional grants from larger organisations are sought.

The Tantum trust is not only helping those in need, it provides jobs and a place for anyone to volunteer and is kind on the environment. In today's world waste and sustainability are hot topics and re-purposing items such



as clothing makes perfect sense in so many ways. Often when you have seen enough of an item, another person will fall in love with it and all the effort and material that has gone into making it becomes revalued. Fast fashion is now very uncool and finding somewhere to shop near to home almost impossible. The Tantum Trust shops provide access to good quality goods at a low cost in a more sociable environment than searching on the internet and you can look, feel and try the article. There is far less impact on the environment too and knowing that the profits are fed directly to the neighbours who need it most just makes for a great idea. Donating to a charity shop is also far more rewarding than selling the item yourself and with the addition of gift aid the Government add 25p for every £1 of goods sold.

The charity wants to help educate and as a new initiative in May will deliver courses on how to cook healthy food on a budget at Bushy Leaze Family Centre, Alton.

The charity wants to continue to grow and develop and is looking for an ambassador, people to help in the shops and extra trustees. It is also open to feedback and ideas. If you can fulfil any of these requirements, it wants to hear from you!

The Tantum Trust is a local success story. One good man's good intentions have grown into a high impact supporter of the poorest local families whilst having an ultra-low impact on the local environment we all share.



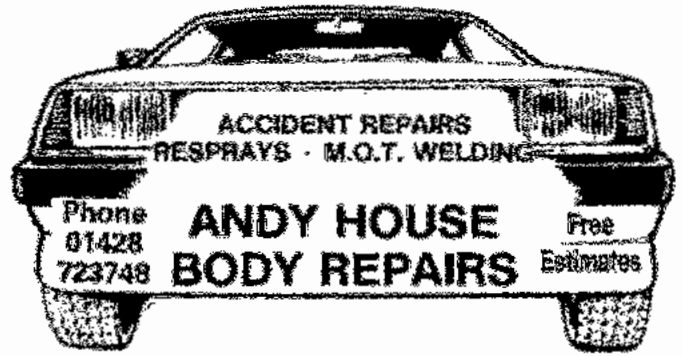
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LIPHOOK CARNIVAL FUNDS

Help for the Community

By Gabrielle Pike.

Following the outstanding success of last year's Liphook Carnival, which drew some of the largest crowds and raised a record total of £5,411 in collections, the Carnival Committee held its annual general meeting (AGM) at the Liphook Social Club in February - announcing that the Carnival was set to carry on.



Group shot of the recipients of the Carnival 2022 donations.

Representatives from local organisations and clubs attended the event where generous cheques were distributed amongst them. They included the Peak Centre to facilitate days out for the elderly, First Liphook Scout Group for activities, Friends of Rake School Association for ground improvements as well as the MAD Company to help finance their productions, Liphook Fire Station for their fire fighter charity, Love to Sing choir for outdoor equipment and the Tantum Trust, which has supported local people and causes over the last 30 years with more than £1 million contributions.

In addition Liphook Laundry received a welcome donation towards their low cost services to the community, Bramshott and Liphook Social Club to grow its membership, Liphook District Guides for their activities, Liphook Methodist Church, which provides free hot soup on Carnival night, Liphook Football Club towards coaching 190 local children from U7 to U16, the Heritage Centre towards curating its local history collection and Liphook Junior School towards its Trickbox Scheme, a personal development scheme, introduced by head Michelle Frost.

The Barry Pope Shield for outstanding contributions towards the Carnival was presented to Paul Wright from Genesis Motors, who



New Carnival Committee: Secretary Edwin Brooks, Treasurer Lucy Traviss, Carnival Committee chair Sally Cameron, vice chair Samuel Hawkins, President Jill Howie.

organised the fireworks single handedly at Radford Park, which were sponsored and paid for by Old Thorns Hotel. He has quietly been involved in helping the Carnival committee for several years.

The largest donation, including £500 from The Links Tavern, was made to the Liphook Food Bank, who supply urgently needed food and household goods to the hardest hit members of the community from their containers in the grounds of Liphook Junior School, which now also includes frozen goods.

The 18-strong Carnival Committee also elected its officers for 2023/2024. Remaining chair for another year is Sally Cameron, together with Jill Howie as President and Lucy Traviss as Treasurer. Edwin Brooks is the new Secretary and Samuel Hawkins was overwhelmingly voted to become new Vice Chairman.

The committee also announced plans for this year's proposed fundraising events, bringing back the sponsored dog walk, the popular Quiz Night as well as new proposals for a Christmas Fair and Black-tie event at Old Thorns Country Hotel to finance the £10,000 required to put on the Liphook Carnival on the night of Saturday 28 October.



Paul Wright from Genesis being presented with the Barry Pope Shield by President Jill Howie with Carnival Chair Sally Cameron.

Menopause Café

By Katerina Kivell.

Liphook's first Menopause Café launched on Tuesday 18th April and is open to women of all ages aimed at breaking down the stigma around menopause and increasing awareness of the impact of the menopause on those experiencing it.

As a Menopause Health Coach I work with women who are navigating the perimenopause and menopause. There are many lifestyle changes that can help but one of the common



themes I have seen is the need to talk! People need to speak about their experiences as it really helps to know that others are experiencing the same symptoms and gives comfort and confidence. My aim is to give an opportunity to connect with others and share their experiences in a supportive environment.

The launch event was held at the Green Dragon and had a fantastic turnout! The consensus from the event was that we need these events to help people navigate this new phase in their lives with confidence, positivity and hope.

The next two Menopause Café events will also be held at the Green Dragon on Tuesday June 13th and Tuesday July 18th. To book your place at the Café, follow the link below or contact me at: livegrowlove@katkivell.co.uk
Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/620812285257>

THE OLD FORGE IN THE SQUARE

History and the Future

By Jenny Woodsford.

Records show that at one time there were three forges around Liphook but the most important was the one in The Square, also later known as Windibank Forge. Its origins are very historic as horse-shoeing in Liphook is mentioned as far back as 1417 in the Manor records. We know that the forge located in The Square was in existence from 1601 when John Hook, the Lord of Chiltlee, granted the land to John Waterman, blacksmith. In the 17th century it was run by various of the Glaysher, or Glasier, family until 1774 when Thomas Wells owned it, followed by Richard Faulkner and in 1793 Robert Moore. Not long after this, in the last third of the 18th century, the smithy was taken over by the Windibank family, initially by Richard Windibank who had served his apprenticeship at the Bramshott forge. Generations of the Windibank family continued this business until the start of World War I.

The Old Forge Pre 1920.



In the Heritage Centre you can see a painting by Anne Bowen depicting the forge in the early 1900s and there is a great photo also on

permanent display; taken around 1906 it shows at least a couple of generations of the Windibank family and their employees including the renowned Billy Budd – described as a “crack farrier”. The number of men employed by the business is an indication of how people of the time relied on blacksmiths and farriers. Not only did they shoe horses but they made implements for farms and homes, made and mended carriage and cart-wheels, etc. It was an essential industry up to the end of World War I when gradually mechanisation arrived, both on farms and for transport. In 1914 the forge closed as Fredrik Charles Windibank signed up for World War I and the building was then rented by E.A. Smorthwaite for a Chemist shop. When Fredrik returned he joined the building trade, eventually becoming Managing Director of the renowned Haslemere company Chapman, Lowry and Puttick. This was the end of the Windibank family’s connection to blacksmithing. In 1918 the building, along with various other lots including the adjoining house and the commercial premises that is present-day Hamptons, were sold by Jacobs and Hunt. Fredrik Charles Windibank then bought a house in Headley Road that remains the Windibank family home. The Forge was bought by the lessee E.A. Smorthwaite and the premises remained a chemist for some time, later becoming Monks Chemist. In more recent



Windibank forge 1900s.

times the building has been occupied by A3 Sports and the Mobility Shop.

In an attempt to imagine the building as it was previously, you can stand on the

Royal Anchor forecourt and look across the road. It bears no resemblance to the historical pictures and photos. It was originally two-storied, similar to the building housing the bike shop. The horses were shod in the “penthouse”, still existing as the narrow alley between the bike shop and the Old Forge building. Although there are no written records it is believed that the first floor of the building burnt down in the 1920s and the flat roof that we see today replaced it. Surprisingly, this flat roof is a concrete slab thus making the anecdotal story of a machine gun being positioned on it during World War II feasible.

The building has now been sold at auction and purchased by Paul Tantom who is intending to restore the building to its former glory, including re-building the first floor in a style that will fit in with the rest of the Square Conservation Area. The sale was picked up by the TV programme Homes Under The Hammer when it went to auction and they have followed up with initial filming. They, and we, will continue to follow this project with interest.

There is very little/no information in the Heritage Centre, or elsewhere, that we have found so far on the period from 1918 to relatively recent years so we would welcome contact from anyone who may have any knowledge, maybe anecdotes from older generations of their family regarding the history of this building, particularly when and how the first floor was destroyed, or maybe someone has an old photo taken when the building had suffered from fire or during World War II.

The story continues . . . watch out for updates on this fascinating project in the future.

Thanks to:

Liphook Heritage Centre, Peter Windibank and family and Paul Tantom.

Photos:

All historical photos courtesy of the Heritage Centre apart from the group photo of the Windibank blacksmiths in 1906 which is courtesy of Peter Windibank.



Anne Bowen's painting of the forge during World War I. The full size version can be seen in the Heritage Centre.



Looking towards the forge - about 1890.



View of Smorthwaite's Chemist.



During renovations 2023.

Liphook in Bloom

By Barbara Miller.

BACK IN ACTION

Spring seemed a long time coming this year. Liphook in Bloom were back in action in February when only a few brave bulbs were beginning to nudge through the soil. However, there was plenty to be done.



Working on the heather bed.

The first big project this year was to tidy the area of land surrounding the Millennium flowerbed in Midhurst Road opposite Sainsburys. Back in 2017 a quantity of purple crocus were given to Liphook in Bloom by Haslemere Rotary Club as part of their 'Purple4Polio campaign'. Some bulbs were planted in the bed, but many were planted in the grass surrounding the bed which over the years has delighted passers-by with the swathes of colour in the spring. Unfortunately, since then the surrounding grassed area suffered somewhat by utility companies carrying out necessary maintenance in the vicinity. Thanks to a Councillor Grant from EHDC, Liphook in Bloom were able to have this area surrounding the flowerbed re-turfed. The work was carried out by George House on behalf of Liphook in Bloom. LIB team members scattered 4,000 purple crocuses in the area after the old grass was removed and before the new turf was laid so we can all look forward to many more stunning displays of purple crocus. Despite there being no purple crocus this year hopefully you will agree that the display of hyacinth was gorgeous not to mention the heavenly perfume as you walked past.



Working on the herb bed.

Another project that has kept us busy is the heather bed at the entrance to the recreation ground. This had been planted some years ago. Many of the heathers had become rather straggly and the box plants at the back had suffered from blight. The box was removed and replaced with euonymus, some of the heathers removed and others left to be trimmed after flowering. More heathers will be purchased and planted later in the year to fill in the gaps.

The herb bed in Midhurst Road, near Hiscocks was another bed needing regeneration. Over a hundred new plants, specially chosen to add more colour, have been planted in this bed. We have also removed a dead rowan tree in Station Road and will be replacing this in the autumn. Another of the trees is quite stunted, so we may well have to replace that one as well.



Millennium bed.

The flowerbeds in The Square were ablaze with colour in time for Easter. Unfortunately, chickweed is a recurring problem in these beds. Thank goodness for our volunteers who spent a working Sunday removing this without damaging any of the daffodils or tulips, not an easy task!

Liphook in Bloom is a voluntary organisation largely dependent on sponsorship. In the current economic climate many businesses are struggling. Once again, we are appealing to you to help us financially by making a donation if you can, however small.

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The Liphook Clothing Bank

By Fay Boyett.
Photos courtesy
Jennie Adams.

The Liphook Clothing Bank started in the midst of the Covid lockdown in 2020 when Daisy, a very enterprising 16 year old girl in the village, noticed people putting their outgrown or unwanted clothes into their wheelie bins and she wondered if they could be recycled. Being 16, she immediately went onto Facebook and opened up a new group to organise recycling of clothes, initially starting with friends and family. The group grew as more people heard about the Clothing Bank and wanted to donate or were in need. Daisy had to stop due to personal reasons and handed over the page to Jennie Adams and Gerry Sole and between them they developed the group and the Clothing Bank into the phenomenal success that it is today.



Items sorted into big bags ready to be packed into bundles for collection.

Covid posed the major problem of storing the donated clothes whilst they were undergoing the required quarantine period, so garden sheds, plus disposable gloves and masks were put into good use. The ladies adopted a system of sorting the clothes into bundles, then packed them into carrier bags, which they labelled and left outside their homes for the recipients to collect. This method has continued with the addition of two large chests now lodged in their gardens to keep the bundles clean and dry.

Jennie mainly looks after the babies and children whilst Gerry concentrates on the adults. Donated items are sorted and then bundled together in carrier bags and labelled for example as suitable for ages 6 months to 12 months or ladies size 12 and then advertised on the Facebook page. Interested recipients, either respond on the Facebook page or private message the ladies to say yes please. Jennie and Gerry also have their own lists of people who they know are looking out for certain age groups or sizes and bypass the Facebook page and notify the lucky recipients directly. They have found that bundles of children's clothes are frequently redonated when the children outgrow them, enabling them to be recycled to another family.

There are similar groups in Alton, Haslemere, Whitehill, Liss and Petersfield and clothes are occasionally exchanged between the groups. Some of these other groups are fortunate enough to have their own storage facilities but Jennie and Gerry rely on a quick turnaround and their own cupboards and rooms to hold their stock.



A baby bundle ready to be collected by a new mum, lots of baby clothes underneath.

As news of the Clothing Bank grew, people started donating household and nursery items, such as duvets, high chairs, nappies and toys. Jennie and Gerry rose to the challenge and

recycled these as well. They get referrals from friends, especially of new, young mothers, the Foodbank and Social Services. The Foodbank also passes on nappies and baby food when they know the Clothing Bank has a need.



Another baby bundle for a new mum.

The donation of toys led to the Christmas Present project, overseen by Jennie and ably helped by her daughter and granddaughter. They accept toys in good condition, often unwanted or unused presents, wrap them, add a label and hand them over to families whose children may not get presents that Christmas. They aim to provide each child with 5 presents. They also make up Advent book bundles which are also handed over at Christmas. In 2020 they wrapped and presented 20 children with Christmas presents, in 2021 this had risen to 50 children and in 2022 they managed to find enough presents for 83 children.

Last year they also collected outgrown Bohunt uniforms and re-distributed them to those in need and they are hopeful that they will be able to do the same this year.

Jennie and Gerry are two very happy and motivated ladies who give most of their spare time to the Clothing Bank and the Facebook page. They get a lot of contentment and joy out of their work, as many people who volunteer find that they do, but they are not adverse to a little help now and then. So recently, when a young lady asked if she could help, as part of her voluntary section for the Duke of Edinburgh Award, they were delighted to accept and she spent some happy evenings sorting. Jennie's granddaughter, Bella, has also received her Charity Brownie badge for helping.



Christmas presents and an Advent Book stack ready for a baby.

Jennie and Gerry would be delighted to receive clean clothes in good condition but they are also in need of carrier bags, black bin bags and labels and nearer to Christmas, toys and books. If you would like to donate, please contact them via the Liphook Clothing Bank Facebook group, which incidentally has 1500 members, and they will let you know how to drop off your donation.

Liphook Heritage Centre

By Jenny Woodsford. Photo courtesy Val Gaskin and the Heritage Centre.



Year 2 children with Joan Finney.

The Heritage Centre played host to some young visitors recently when Year Two pupils from Liphook Infants visited as part of their project on Transport during the Spring Term. The many pictures of horse-drawn and vintage vehicles in Liphook plus the story of the train service through the ages provoked much interest and discussion.

The Heritage Centre has recently publicised a super video showing the changes in Liphook over the years. It was created in 1980 (so in itself already historical) by the late Adrian Bird and narrated by Richard King. It gives a potted history of Liphook and Bramshott and compares photos of about a hundred years ago to the same places in 1980. It is an interesting exercise to

watch it and to try to compare the same places in 2023! It is amazing how much the parish has continued to change. The link to it is: <http://bit.ly/3XzQZPU> but it has also been saved to the Heritage Centre archives so can be viewed there by prior arrangement to ensure there is a computer screen available for use.

The display on Liphook Carnival will remain in situ through the Summer months – maybe visit with your children (or grandchildren!) during the holidays.

The Heritage Centre is upstairs in the Millennium Centre and is open:

Monday 10.00am to 12.30pm

Wednesday 10.30am to 2.00pm

Friday 10.00am to 12.30pm

Email: liphookheritage@gmail.com Phone: **01428 727275**

A Tree for Every Garden

By Gabrielle Pike.
Photo by EHDC.

Due to popular demand, the Petersfield Climate Action Network (PeCAN) project, 'A Fruit Tree In Every Garden', returned last winter – and has been growing faster than ever.

Supported by grants from East Hampshire District Council and Petersfield Town Council the scheme has seen PeCAN distribute trees for residents to plant in their own gardens.

Over the previous two winters PeCAN handed out over 380 fruit trees in Petersfield, but has since sold 570 trees for gardens across East Hampshire making it a total of 950 trees. Some 83 trees were given out to Liphook residents in February in time for the 2023 tree planting season and 81 trees in December 2021 during the last tree planting season. Species chosen are a mix of maple, alder, larch, wild cherry, crab apple, oak and birch.

Planting season has now come to an end but residents can still register their interest for a tree ready for collection next year by visiting www.petersfieldcan.org/projects/trees

East Hampshire District Council has committed to see 120,000 trees planted across the district. The council made the pledge as part of a motion to declare a climate emergency in July 2019.

Cllr Robert Mocatta, EHDC's Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Prosperity said: "It's wonderful to have the chance to help plant these trees on our land which can't really be used for anything

else, like the Petersfield Cemetery, so we're delighted to be able to find such a worthwhile purpose for it and provide all these new trees. Our vision is to work with private and commercial landowners, parish and town councils, schools, colleges and communities to help plant a tree for every person in the district".



Bill Moulant, Richard Allington and Angela Glass.

"We are seeking partners to join us on the project, either to plant trees in East Hampshire, discuss planting opportunities and to spread the messages about tackling climate change - so email easthantstreeplant@gmail.com if you would like more information about the initiative."

Tree benefits include clean air. The canopies of trees act as a physical filter, trapping dust and absorbing pollutants from the air. Each individual mature tree removes up to 1.7 kilos of pollutants every year - protecting our lungs. It's estimated that trees can reduce the temperature in a city by up to 7°C reducing some of the need for air conditioning.

A mature Oak can be home to as many as 500 different species. Each of these 'creatures' will play a role in the cycle of life and contribute to many hidden benefits we don't always see.



Birthday Celebrations

By Margaret Simpson.

Liphook WI celebrated the 90th birthday of Stella Fells, a member and keen supporter of the WI for 35 years. At a well attended coffee morning at the home of Gwenda Pate, Stella cut the beautiful cake made by Pat Kimberley and we sang Happy Birthday.

ORGANIC FOOD AT THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Ed's Veg

By Gabrielle Pike.

Photo courtesy of Edwin Brooke.

Edwin Brooke launched his nature friendly vegetable growing business in Liphook in 2018. Located in Devils Lane Market Garden it has since been going from strength to strength.

Ed grew up in Hammer Vale and has always been fascinated by wildlife and nature around Liphook and Lynchmere. He first began growing vegetables on an allotment as a teenager and then went to work for his uncle on an organic farm.

For his own business he decided to combine his passion for good food and conservation by creating a farm that would be a home for nature and a haven for wildlife, while producing nutritious and delicious vegetables. After learning about growing salads in polytunnels at Wylds Farm in Rake with the help of farmer Nick Rook-Blackstone, Ed set his sights on a larger and more permanent home for his market garden.



Ed's Veg Farm.

Keen to see his plans go ahead, Ed agreed to lease 3.5 acres of land on Devils Lane in Liphook. He raised the money to start his farm with small loans from local people and began the huge task of restoring the land to fertility, fencing it from rabbits and deer. After putting up polytunnels and digging a bore hole, Devil's Lane Market Garden was born.

Ed recalls: "My friend Mary Penn, now in her 90s, has always been a great supporter of the farm. Other friends have become involved over the years and given their energy to the project. It

is a place not just for rich and varied wildlife but for a growing community of like-minded local people."

After the death of his mum, Ed found it hard to keep on top of the expanding business, but also found the land and the work were helping him when dealing with grief. During lockdown Ed was joined by April Coffey who came to work on the farm after volunteering with the Refugee Community Kitchen. The two of them hit it off and she is still running the business as a partnership.

April was instrumental in starting the local seasonal box scheme through which much of the vegetables are now sold. She has focused on the social justice aims of the project and the farm has been host to young people in the Asylum System and has a close relationship with the Liphook Food Bank. Box scheme customers can donate to support the endeavour and provide fresh vegetables for a family in need, which Ed's Veg gives the foodbank at a reduced rate. Any surplus is also shared with the food bank.

The farm is 'agroecological' meaning no chemicals or pesticides are used, not even slug pellets. Instead he and his team catch slugs by going around at night with head torches. Ed explains: "The result is a web of wildlife from all manner of beetles and insects, glow worms, toads, grass snakes, owls and kestrels." Ed grows nectar rich flowers on the farm, relying on beneficial insects to control pests. He makes his own wood chip compost with manure from local farms to feed the soil and create fertility. As well as supplying some of London's top restaurants through a wholesaler Ed has direct relationships with local greengrocers including Crossways Fruiterers, Cowdray Farm Shop, Milland Stores and Bunches Farm Shop. He also grows for The Duke of Cumberland Pub in Henley.

Local people can sign up to receive a seasonal veg box, grown in Liphook between June and November. Details can be found on his website www.edsveg.co.uk

Liphook Library

By Hermione Hurlock.

Opening times.

Monday 1.00pm – 5.00pm Wednesday 9.30am – 1.30pm
Friday 9.30am – 1.30pm Saturday 9.30am – 1.30pm
Closed on Bank Holiday



Check out our Facebook Page on this QR code for all our latest news.

Children's activities

Baby Play every Monday
1.30pm – 2.30pm. Time to chat
and play. For children under one.

Rhyme Time every Wednesday 10.30am – 11.00am. Rhymes and Songs. For pre-schoolers.

Construction Club every Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm. For children of all ages to come in and play with Lego.

This Summer we are running the Summer Reading Challenge where children can come in and read six books over the summer and come and tell us about them to earn stickers, a medal and a certificate. This year's theme is Ready, Set, Read and we are teaming up with the Youth Sports Trust.

Other Info

We have lots of fun activities planned for over the summer. We always have an author of the month for both children and adults.

We will be planting two new trees in the garden area outside the library in Celebration of the King's Coronation. They will be two disease resistant Elm Trees which we hope will help the local wildlife.

If you or someone you know can't get to the library, we can always arrange for the Home Library Service to come to you. Check out our website <https://www.hants.gov.uk/library> or pop in to talk to us about it.



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Churcher's College

Junior School & Nursery Book Week

During the month of March, Churcher's College Junior School & Nursery focused on celebrating everything to do with books. We had a visiting author, story teller, dressing up as book characters, swapping books with a friend, sharing reading between different year groups, competitions and an online book fair.

Maz Evans, a popular author of well-known books such as 'Who Let the Gods Out?', visited the school and was a highlight of the week. The children learnt so much about the book writing process and how to find a good idea to base a book on. More



importantly, everyone was inspired to go and pick up a book and read! This meant that the school library was quickly devoid of Maz Evans titles and waiting lists established.

It was also fantastic to welcome Kim Normanton, an international, multi award winning radio producer, to enchant the Infants with

some wonderful story telling. The children were transported to another world through the use of masks, drums and cloaks, as they visited Kenya, Austria and Russia through stories from their cultures.

The children participated in various competitions including guessing the teacher from their favourite book, working out the famous book character from a description, creating a new front cover for a well-loved story, dressing up in an 'eco-friendly' costume as a book character, and even having a go at writing their own fantastic stories with a word limit.

It was an inspirational week that we hope will get the children to remember to . . . Keep reading!



Liphook food bank

By Mary Braitch

Liphook Food Bank has been increasingly busy since opening nearly three years ago and the trustees have a long list of people and organisations to thank. It's unfortunate that food banks are needed at all but, since they are, we are so very grateful to everyone who shares their good fortune with others whether this is by popping a tin or packet into our collection points in the two supermarkets, the BeautiPod or Church Centre, supporting their child's school fundraising initiatives, making financial donations or in any other way. We depend entirely on the kindness of others and we have been completely overwhelmed by this since we opened.



A generous donation from St Edmund's School.

Liphook Junior and Infant Schools have been incredibly supportive, as have Bohunt, Churchers, Amesbury, St Edmunds and Highfield and Brookham schools. Many of their pupils have taken part in civic award programmes which have introduced them

to the need for food banks and encouraged them to fundraise for us. Local businesses, churches and other organisations have donated money as well as Christmas presents, Easter eggs, and other amazing gifts to support our work.

We are also deeply grateful to our team of wonderful volunteers - we simply couldn't manage without them! They serve clients

from our little cabin at the Junior School, shop for us, make deliveries to housebound clients, organise stock, fold shopping bags, organise produce, empty collection boxes and re-stack our shelves. At the moment we even have a waiting list of people who have offered us their help.

Finally we would like to thank our courageous clients. We know it's often hard to ask for help and for some it takes real bravery to visit a food bank, but we promise a warm welcome and a friendly chat. Unlike some food banks we pride ourselves on getting to know our clients as individuals and trying our best to provide exactly what they need, whether that's a particular flavour of soup or type of breakfast cereal, a low-sugar alternative for diabetic people, a favourite brand of pasta sauce - or even the sort of cat or dog food their family pet prefers!

We have been really delighted recently to receive a few messages from clients who no longer need help, including this one - 'At the moment I am doing ok, and I would prefer the food to go to someone who is struggling right now. Thank you so much for all your help, I have really appreciated it. And if I do start to struggle again I know where to come.' That is the sort of message we love to receive!

Our plans for the future include gaining planning permission to enlarge our premises and buy fridges and freezers to make shopping more efficient and provide a wider range of produce, and to open on a third morning each week as soon as this becomes necessary.

We are currently open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30am in our little metal shipping container in the car park of Liphook Junior School in Avenue Close. If you need a bit of help in these difficult times, or know someone who does, please come and see us there or you can visit our website at liphookfoodbank.com or phone us on **07871 287295**.

The Churches of Liphook

Christian Aid



WHICH CHARITY?

On Feb 6th Turkey and Syria suffered catastrophic earthquakes and the world responded with money and human resources. Today the Ukraine v Russia war rumbles on with huge casualties on both sides. And in Liphook, the Food Bank supports so many local families in difficulty.

Meanwhile in East Africa Christian Aid is supporting small countries such as Malawi (population 20M, where 80% live at subsistent economic levels), by financing farmers to grow drought resistant crops such as pigeon peas.

The various churches in Liphook give regularly to Ukrainian charities, our Food Bank, International crisis relief agencies

and many other UK charities. And we don't forget our friends in Africa.

With so many options, let's be generous through our favourite charities this summer and perhaps donate on line to . . .

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Keith Ireland

Christian Aid Liphook coordinator

Catholic Church

This time last year I was writing in anticipation of the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Today the country is looking forward to the coronation of King Charles III which will have taken place by the time this piece is printed.

In the news today is Pope Francis' gift to the King of two fragments of wood believed to come from the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. King Charles has had these set in a large silver cross which will be carried in procession in front of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the King as they move from the door of Westminster Abbey to the Coronation Chair. The cross was an horrific method of torture and execution, so it might seem strange that Catholics treat Jesus' cross with great reverence and honour. We do so because the cross became the means by which the Son of God would willingly give his life in order to save his people from death.

As King Charles follows the relics of the True Cross into Westminster Abbey, may he be prompted to follow Jesus in the way he serves his people, selflessly, generously and giving

honour to God, as his mother Queen Elizabeth II did for so many years.

*Lord, save our King
and hear us in the day in which we shall call upon Thee.
Glory to the Father and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning
and it is now, and it shall be, for ever without end.
Amen.*

Father Simon Chinery



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Church of England

I love meeting people. I've met so many. In fact I may have met you at some point because as the vicar I see it as part of my job! About 2 years ago I spent a week camping out in the village square chatting to passers by, listening to those with problems and blessing those that wanted it. It was rich. After the horrors of the first lockdown and the real loneliness experienced by some, many wanted to talk. But it's not as if things have got much better with the world facing economic hardship, war and environmental catastrophe! No wonder there are so many who are really worried and many of our youngsters with mental health needs.

So this year in the week of the 19th - 23rd June I'm hoping to do the same. The plans aren't quite set in stone yet but I should be there - this time with a team and maybe even a coffee, a lot of fine conversation, and above all time to listen. Do stop by. It's going to be an exciting week for our church because we have an internationally renowned speaker coming that weekend. He's

called Ian Andrews and his healing ministry has spanned 50 years and 75 countries! This is why on the Sunday 25th June we're holding a special healing service at 11.00am to which all are invited whether you have a faith, half a faith, or no faith at all. I love meeting people and I'm looking forward to seeing you all - as many as can drop by!

Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones



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Methodist Church

CELEBRATION

Were you most excited about the Coronation on 6 May and the extra holiday weekend or the Eurovision events of the following week? We do like a good excuse for a celebration – perhaps preferably with at least a day off work. Both events are, perhaps, good excuses for a party. Most parties, from a birthday party to a Coronation (or Eurovision), are opportunities simply to have a good time. I hope you had a good time at any and all of the parties you've been to whatever was being celebrated.

Most celebrations are also a bit more than occasions for a good time 'in the present moment'. Most opportunities for celebration have some aspect of both looking back and looking forward. On our birthdays we tend to look back at our lives (however long or short it has been so far). Sometimes in amazement that it can be a whole year since the last birthday and at some of the events that have taken place in that time. We also tend to look forward, not knowing, or perhaps guessing what might be in store for the next twelve months.

THE CORONATION AND EUROVISION GIVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES.

Eurovision reminds us that it was won last year by Ukraine and is being hosted in Liverpool because of the ongoing conflict and uncertainty in Ukraine. We are reminded of human violence, greed and oppression in the pursuit of power. We lament that the situation is no better now than it was twelve months ago.

We pray for peace and justice; for strength, patience and wisdom for those who seek a just and peaceful way forward; that the situation will be much better by this time next year; we pray for those still displaced and fearful because of the conflict.

The Coronation reminds us of the late Queen, her life and reign and the life and preparation of Charles Prince of Wales as he became Charles III last autumn. We rejoice with him at the fulfilment of all that he has been preparing for, we take the opportunity to celebrate this country of which he is king. We pray for Charles III in his duties as king. This national occasion makes us think of the state of our country in so many ways and as we look forward we pray for those in positions of power, influence and authority to lead in the ways of justice, peace and the health and wellbeing of all.

The coronation of a king also reminds Christians of the King of kings and Lord of lords who reigns over all creation and whose resurrection gives a sign of the new creation when all will be made perfect under the rule of the Prince of Peace.

Reverend David Muskett

The Methodist Church
Sunday Worship at 10am
www.liphookmethodist.org

The Last Rose of Summer

By Alan Brett.



Every season has it's pleasure,
And sometimes has it's woes,
As shown in all it's passion in
My lovely summer rose.

Spring had passed, it could not last,
The buds began to swell,
There was no suggestion that
My rose would not end well.

She stood out from all the rest
And begged me please to stay
To nurture and to nourish her
And not to go away.

As the peak of summer came,
And she was in full bloom,
Not only was she beautiful,
And exquisite her perfume,

But she assumed a human mantle
That made me crave for love,
My heart was in a rapturous state,
For my gift from high above.

As summer came towards it's end
My rose began to fade,
She shed her petals one by one,
Our love to rest was laid.

My last rose of summer left,
Spread across the lawn,
Now I have no rose to love,
She's left me just her thorn.

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A Tale of Two Boxes

By Rod Sharp.

Liphook signal box in action.



historically-significant Grade 2 listed building from 1895 is a rare survival which still retains its complete block instruments and original 47-lever frame, controlling signals and points between Liphook and Witley.



Haslemere signal box.

Many of us will have travelled to London on the train from Liphook without thinking about how the trains are guided into one of Haslemere's three platforms or sparing more than a glance at the signal box on platform 1, but this

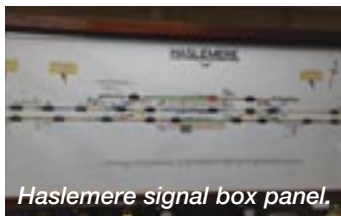
One of three surviving signal boxes on the Portsmouth Direct route, it was built by the London & South Western Railway (L&SWR). It is unique in retaining its original lever frame, of which 19 red and black levers remain in use, and also the disused white-painted levers which once controlled points and signals in the goods yards that stood on each side of the railway. The exterior is unaltered, apart from the UPVC windows, which are sympathetic to the original design.

After finding that it was to be made redundant by the end of 2024, with control passing to the Railway Operating Centre at Basingstoke, Ken Griffiths, who is involved with several local charities and organisations, has assembled a team who are working on bringing it into community ownership as a visitor attraction, complementing the existing volunteer-run Haslemere Information Hub in the main station, which already provides details of local attractions and plans of local walks, and to showcase it as a visitor attraction and an example of a heritage British signal box.

Older residents of Liphook may remember the signal box at Liphook which stood at the side of the down line at the North end of the station near to the Midhurst Road bridge. A 20-lever frame box manufactured by Dutton & Co. of Worcester in 1895 for the L&SWR, it became redundant in 1975 after closure of the station goods yard which existed where the car park and Beaver Industrial Estate now stands. Thanks to prolonged negotiations with British Railways and persuasion by Mr J. M. Baldock in the 1970s, it was lifted over the line by crane onto a low loader when the power to the electric third rail was switched off at night, and brought to his embryonic collection at Hollycombe where it now resides at Liphook's very own family attraction, Hollycombe Steam in the Country. The night-time photo, kindly supplied by Lucy Twynham of Hollycombe, shows it adjacent to their own station where you can board a steam train for a journey on their scenic Quarry Railway for views over the Sussex Weald to the South Downs.



Haslemere signal box levers.



Haslemere signal box panel.

David Salter of Passfield, who recently retired after no less than 36 years as a volunteer signaller on the Watercress Line, has informed me that it was one of three boxes

originally located at Liphook and probably all erected for the opening of the line in 1859. Needless to say, David has offered his services at Haslemere as a demonstration signaller when it opens to explain to visitors how signal boxes operate.

The team behind the efforts to secure Haslemere Signal Box as a living museum has paid visits to two well-established museum boxes – Romsey and St Albans South. After meeting the teams behind these highly-successful ventures they have gained a clear understanding of what is required to turn the signal box at Haslemere into a popular visitor attraction.

Unlike many signal boxes, Haslemere stands on the station platform, with rear access via a gate from the small car park to the left side of the station building. This gate means it will be possible to provide secure access to the signal box without the need for visitors to venture onto the platform. By creating a simulation of the workings of the signal levers and block instruments current and future generations would be able to see a real working example of how Britain's railways were controlled from the mid-nineteenth to the early twenty-first century.

Heartened by the initial response and a supportive public meeting, Ken and his team are pressing ahead with the planning and negotiation to move the Haslemere project from concept to reality.

For suggestions and offers of assistance, or for more information as the project proceeds, see Haslemere Information Hub Home (haslemereinfohub.co.uk) or contact Ken on **07860 263055**, **01428 263055** or ken@haslemere.com

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Our monthly meetings at the Millennium Hall are also very popular and we enjoy some very interesting speakers covering many topics of general interest.

If any reader would like to find out more or join, contact Carolyn Williamson, Chairman, on 01428 722730.

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Liphook Bears

By Marilyn Ambrose
(with help from Viet).

UNDER 10'S FOOTBALL TEAM



It all started with a post on Liphook United website and Facebook pages regarding the Little Kickers football sessions aimed at 5 and 6 year olds, initially it was run

by Ben Wells, a Liphook United veteran and dad of one of the boys. Viet Tang joined Ben as a helper, then developed to assistant coach and has been manager of the Liphook Under 10 Bears since August 2022.

The children progressed slowly from a bit of fun with a football at Liphook recreation ground to a gentle introduction to football skills to building them up into a proper little team. They have been turning out in all weathers to practice on a Wednesday evening and play matches on Saturday morning.

The team play in the North East Hampshire Youth League, which covers teams spanning from Petersfield all the way to Camberley. At first matches consisted of 4 x 10 minutes with 5 players on each side and unlimited substitutions, graduating to now either 4x 12 minute quarters or 2 x 25 minute halves (when in a cup match) with 7 players.

During out of season periods, the team have been able to use the new 3G floodlit pitch at Highfield school, a great improvement for winter practice on Wednesdays.

The team have been sponsored by Liphook Tree Surgeons for a number of years now and will forever thank them for their support. This sponsorship runs out at the end of this current football season and Viet Tang is hopeful new sponsors will be found before the new season kicks off in September.



Mention should also be made of the support of parents/relatives driving the team to training and matches, standing freezing on the touchline on Saturday mornings. As an infrequent spectator/granny over the years, it has been amazing to see the transformation from messing about with a football to holding positions and playing nice looking football.

This year alone the Bears' efforts have been rewarded by making it to two cup finals, resulting in the addition of one trophy (the NEHYL Bowl Winners) and worthy runners up (on penalties) in the U10 Division 4 Conference League. Their achievements are well deserved but recognition should also go to their inspirational Manager and coaches, Stuart Henniker-Smith and Kevin Aust, who must all be immensely proud at the standard Bears have attained.

Great Outdoor Theatre in Conford

By Pete Talbot.



The much-loved Rude Mechanical Theatre Company will be coming back to perform again on the village green in Conford on Friday 16th June. They were first invited to the village back in 2005 by the actress Jill Britton, wife of Richard Davies, who was well

known as the exasperated schoolmaster Mr. Price in the popular television comedy 'Please Sir!' They both lived in the village for many years. Jill, who loved 'The Rudes', as they are affectionately known, would wander around the village and strong arm the community into coming along to watch them - and they have been coming to Conford ever since. The company specialises in taking brand new theatre with music to mainly small rural communities, working outdoors on village greens. Their new show is called 'Miss Popplewell's Garden', a gentle comedy of manners satirizing village life.

The story goes like this. It's April 1940 and The Willows School for Girls, including Jocasta, Daphne and Dotty, will have to move from its idyllic home in Little Inkling to Buckinghamshire, where

they will take refuge from the war. Lessons are suspended and they have two weeks left to have some fun and say goodbye to their friends. It's a disaster for Daphne. All she wants is to be kissed before she's seventeen, but now she's got to move away, she may never see Gerald again! The girls decide to make one last raid on the old witch Miss Popplewell's strawberry patch.

But an intruder gets in first, tramples all over Miss Popplewell's borders, stamps his muddy boots all over her scullery floor, skulks into her larder and helps himself to a plate of scones! Who is the intruder? Is it the gypsies, a burglar, a foreign agent, even an escaped convict? The entire village goes into a panic. But they're British! They must stick together. Rise to the occasion.

In the meantime, will the girls get the strawberries? Will their kindly headmistress, Miss Tricklebank, confine them to their dorms? Will Daphne be kissed before she's seventeen? You will have to be there to find out. The play is woven with poignancy and gently unearths buried things from Miss Popplewell's past. You can arrive from 6.00pm, bring your own chairs or rugs and a picnic. The show starts at 7.30pm and ends at about 10.00pm. Tickets are available by ringing **01323-501260**, or online at: **www.rudemechanicaltheatre.co.uk**

NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION OF Liphook Infant & Junior School



It has been an exciting time in **Year R** as we have had a lot of animals come to visit the school recently! The children in **Year R** have showed a great deal of understanding, kindness and respect when they have handled and learned about the animals. When Mill Cottage Farm visited us, they asked very sensible questions to find out about the different baby animals and they are now excitedly waiting for our newly-hatched chicks to be old enough to handle.



Our **Year 1** children have particularly enjoyed having some of their Personal, Social, Health and Economic education (PSHE) lessons with a visiting teacher. Caroline came with an inflatable classroom and her friend, Gerald the Giraffe – another animal

visitor! – to help the children to learn more about how to keep themselves healthy and safe. They have also made use of our Reading Bus - relaxing with their friends, listening to each other read and sharing stories with their class teachers.



The children in **Year 2** have been challenged to develop prototypes for a possible new school trim trail in their Design Technology lessons. They have collaborated with their partners and built on the skills they gained in Year R and Year 1. They learned how to make their prototypes both rigid and strong and to ensure that their models clearly showed their thoughts and plans.



We have also seen the return of our annual charity '**Bake Off**'. Children from across the infant school have enjoyed baking with their families before bringing the results of their efforts into school to be judged and then sold! The children in our infant and junior Charity Teams judged the entries, based on their appearance, taste, and any additional photos or information provided. The

quality of the entries was astounding and we have loved seeing our families' favourite cakes and other baked goodies. Everyone's hard work ensured that hundreds of pounds were raised for our charities. Clara's fairy cakes perfectly spelled out our thoughts about what is important – 'Love yourself'. We couldn't have said it better!



Year 3 pupils really enjoyed going to Butser Ancient Farm as part of their topic on The Romans and Celts. Later in the term, they designed and made bread which Roman soldiers may

have eaten. We were all very impressed by the children's enthusiasm, knowledge and understanding.



Part of **Year 4's** local history project was to visit The Commonwealth War Graves to research a Canadian soldier who died during World War 1. Later they will be joining with the village to participate in the annual Canada Day service where they will read from the

Bible, recite poems and say prayers. After treating guests to lunch, Year 4 will also be performing a play, singing and sharing their learning. They will also be visiting Canada House in London when they will perform their play and share their school work.



Year 5 have enjoyed exploring our natural world and finding out more about our solar system! They found lots of minibeasts in the school wooded area, and newts and dragonfly nymphs in

the school pond. The children were wowed by a visit by The Astronomy Roadshow and went on to produce some amazing models of our solar system.



The Juniors used virtual technology to experience more about their topics . . . from life in Ancient Rome, to tropical rainforests, biomes and the Earth in space. It was fantastic to hear all of

their oohs and aahs echoing around the school hall! All the children enjoyed World Book Day. **Year 6** also loved being visited by birds of prey.





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UPDATE FROM East Hants District Council

By
Angela
Glass.

As we come to the end of the financial year, East Hampshire District Council has been pleased to support different organisations across the District, and our residents, through Council grants and individual Councillor grants. The following list shows the diversity of the grants that have been given.

Welfare Fund

This money comes from the Council's £350,000 Welfare Fund. The 2% council tax rise in East Hampshire's part of the Council Tax Bill will provide an approximate £150,000 increase to the fund. This money is being used as follows:

£18,000 to fund a Citizens Advice outreach worker to be in the community and to provide residents with practical advice on the cost of living support that is available. **£10,000** to support food initiatives in the District. **£9,000** to help people with their fuel costs, who do not qualify under other schemes. **£2,000** to provide heaters and de-humidifiers for people living in private sector housing who are struggling with cold homes or mould, and **£1,000** to help promote the support that is available.

Local Environmental Projects

More than £125,000 has been allocated to environmental projects.

Supporting Communities Fund

Our Supporting Communities Fund, opened on the 1st April. This is an annual grant scheme that provides money for clubs and organisations working to benefit their local area. Groups can apply for up to £25,000 to support one-off projects or up to £30,000 spread across three years, to support income streams. The closing date to apply is Sunday 14th May. Projects must meet one of the following criteria:

- To support positive mental health in residents, in particular young people
- To reduce social isolation in residents, in particular older people, or
- To support a community's ability to thrive by building strong community resilience.

Every 3 years EHDC puts £1 million into the Supporting Communities Fund, giving community-run projects the financial backing they need to make the projects happen. Last year the Fund awarded more than £325,000 to support the ambitions of 21 local organisations.

Tree Planting

As part of EHDC's Climate Emergency declaration in 2019 we pledged to see 120,000 trees planted across East Hampshire - one for every resident. At the moment around 56,000 trees have been pledged to be planted through planning requirements and agreements with local landowners and community run schemes. Recently more than 600 trees have been planted in Petersfield cemetery, in a corner that was too wet to be used.

Get East Hants Green

On Wednesday 15th March EHDC hosted a Get East Hants Green event, at Liss Pavilion bringing local groups together to talk about the climate agenda, to share best practice and to inform and shape our programme of support and engagement to influence future climate action. There were speakers from Hampshire County Council as well as EHDC, Petersfield Town Council and Alton Climate Action Group. Successful applicants to the Community Climate Action Fund, which is part of EHDC's Green Action Plan, were announced.

Spring Clean

EHDC's Big Spring Clean was launched across the District on the 1st March.

Residents can see the difference, and so far 84 tonnes of dirt and debris has been collected from our roads, and litter picking teams both from Norse, and organised by residents, have filled 4,200 purple waste sacks. It takes time to cover the whole district, but it will be covered, including the length of the A31, and the A3. If you wish to register to organise your own litter pick this can be done through our website, and EHDC will provide hi-vis clothes, bags and litter-picking tools. After the pick, we can collect your bagged-up litter and dispose of it. EHDC are also asking Hampshire Highways to collect its redundant signs and sand-bags, that are left over after roadworks.

EHDC is increasing its litter enforcement patrols at littering hot-spots, including rural areas. Littering is a criminal offence and offenders can be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice of £80, or a fine of up to £2,500, together with a criminal record. Fly-tipping also incurs higher penalties, together with a criminal record, and can be reported on the EHDC website.

Planning Service

EHDC has announced that it will be refreshing its Planning service in response to an unprecedented workload, following the pandemic. By providing more resources and using them efficiently, we will provide a much-improved customer-focused service in the future. The workload has been almost overwhelming, so the planning team will be re-shaped as well as resourced in order to bring our services and our customers together. The team is also looking at how it communicates its decisions to the public. It is a complex field to convey and decisions are often prescribed by national or local policies, making it difficult to understand the technical reasons behind decisions to permit or to refuse applications. Most people are not experts in Planning, so decisions need to be made more clear for us all.

Councillor Grants

Finally your District Councillors have been very pleased to support the following organisations over the past year:

- Countryside Companions • Andover Mind •
- Bramshott and Liphook Arts and Crafts Society •
- Bramshott and Liphook Preservation Society •
- Liphook Bowling Club • Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council •
- Liphook United Football Club • Liphook Community Magazine •
- Bramshott Open Gardens • Liphook Infant and Junior Schools •
- The River Wey Trust • Action Network (PECAN) •
- Liphook in Bloom • Liss Archaeology Group •

Following the Elections on the 4th May, we look forward to being able to help more local organisations with grants, when our Councillor Community Grant pots reopen in June.

If there is anything that we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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The Repair Shop Again

By Simon Catford.

YES THAT ONE!

At first glance, it is hard to see a connection between the vast, empty Atlantic Ocean, a popular prime-time TV show and a Liphook resident. But add to that mix a World War II flying jacket and the picture becomes clearer. So how is that connection made and what is the story behind it? This short article will provide some answers and follows on nicely from an article in the Spring edition of this magazine regarding reuse and repair.

Rolling back the years to the dark days of WWII when Britain alone stood firm against Nazi Germany, the only lifeline for food, fuel and munitions was across the Atlantic from America. German U-boats (submarines) patrolled the North Atlantic and had considerable success in sinking many thousands of tons of allied shipping with the consequential loss of cargo and crew. In late 1942 ships were being sunk faster than they could be built. A solution for the U-boat menace was of vital importance if Britain was to stay in the war and feed its population. Many technological solutions were trialled – the most significant being radar – as well as improving search and destroy missions by the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

As a consequence, the RAF formed Coastal Command (alongside Fighter Command and Bomber Command) whose job it was to fly long-range missions across the North Atlantic in search of U-boats. The job was hard, tedious and all too often, unrewarding. But it had to be done. Sadly for those airmen involved, whilst Coastal Command never captured the headlines or the nation's thanks in the same way the other two RAF Commands did (think Battle of Britain, Dam Busters etc.), the dangers were just as real and during the war over 6,000 allied crew from Coastal Command lost their lives.

Joining the RAF in 1939 just before the outbreak of war, a young Londoner named Harry Lofting, along with thousands of other young servicemen, knew nothing about the horrors that were to lie ahead – they just wanted to do their bit. Harry subsequently trained as a navigator and wireless operator and gained his wings in 1943 about the same time as he married Jeanette, in a typical war-time wedding. There was little time for a honeymoon before Harry was posted to Coastal Command. Stationed in the Azores in the mid-Atlantic his job was to fly extensive missions over that flat and empty expanse of sea to seek out the enemy. To protect the crew from the biting cold, each was issued with the now famous RAF flying jacket – an essential piece of equipment. Made primarily in Letchworth, Hertfordshire, these jackets were constructed from soft supple leather, lined with sheepskin and had a huge collar that could be turned up for extra warmth. They were very popular with the crews and Harry was no exception. They were heavy and hard wearing and even when wet (immersed in the sea), they afforded vital protection. Once you got one, you never let it go.

So, the second piece of the jigsaw is now in place. What completes the story is what happened to Harry's jacket after the war. On his demob in 1946, Harry and Jeanette had three children; Mick, Graham and Jane. As the eldest Mick – a Liphook resident since the early 1980's – was quick to commandeer the jacket to wear when driving his beloved Reliant three-wheeler soft-top car (no heaters in those days!). By this time the jacket was getting



Photo courtesy of the family.

a little worn and Mick's then girlfriend (now his wife Maggie!) lovingly hand-stitched many of the seams on a long journey to her grand-parents' home in Yorkshire, sat in the back of an Austin Seven motor car. Such is the way of true love and it gave the jacket many more years of service.

And now we come to the Repair Shop, that popular BBC TV programme that has over recent years seen hundreds of loved family heirlooms be restored and repaired, much to the delight of all concerned. It is compulsive viewing. By this time Harry's jacket was in the hands of Mick's younger brother Graham and it was his son John who had the idea of volunteering the jacket to the Repair Shop as a potential project. John duly wrote in but nothing was heard for over a year; but one day they got the call. The jacket was carefully dispatched and the restoration work commenced under the masterful hand of Suzie Fletcher, the show's resident leatherworker. John and his step-mother Helen wanted it to be a surprise for Graham so an elaborate cover story was constructed to get him down to Singleton where the show is filmed and the 'reveal' could take place. To say he and Mick (who was in on the story) were overcome is an understatement and the episode can still be found on YouTube for those who wish to take a look. The restoration was superbly undertaken as the photograph shows. All the seams were restitched, the zip replaced, a hole in the shoulder repaired and a new yoke made

and inserted. The leather was also cleaned and repolished. The repair work done by Maggie on the road to North Yorkshire all those years ago had stood up well but Suzie's professionalism in repair and restoration has added many more years of life to the jacket. It now takes pride of place on a mannequin on Graham's landing and is much admired by the family.

The last word goes to Mick Lofting, "Like many of his generation, my father didn't talk much about the war and his experiences in

it. He sadly died in 1968 when only in his mid-fifties so there was little time for Graham and I to find out more. This jacket in many ways is our memory of him and all that he did to protect Britain during WWII and we are more than proud. The restoration done by the Repair Shop brings it home to us even more and we are forever grateful that my nephew John had the idea and the BBC team did such a good job. A big thank you to them all!"

A lasting tribute indeed.



UPDATE FROM **Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council**



All Change at the Parish Council

Bramshott & Liphook Parish Council have recently appointed a new parish clerk, Jane Sawyer. Jane takes over the reins from Peter Stanley, and the deputy, Denise Meek, who have both retired. We wish them all the best for a long and happy retirement. Our new clerk is a Liphook resident of 20+ years and we are all looking forward to working on some exciting new projects in the coming months.

Just a reminder that the parish office is open from 10am-1pm Monday to Friday and residents are always welcome to pop in with any concerns or you can contact us using the links at the end of this article.

We are also in an election year and 7 of our councillors have decided to stand again. This means we were not able to fulfil the criteria for a contested election and have 5 vacancies that we can now fill by co-option. If you are interested in joining us on the parish council we would be delighted to hear from you.

No experience is necessary other than an enthusiasm to make a difference to people in our community. The parish council are responsible for a number of assets such as Radford Park, the Recreation Ground, the Millennium Centre and Green, the community orchard, allotments and various smaller pieces of land in the parish. We have been awarded a considerable amount of funding from developers' contributions and are now looking to spend these funds in the parish so this is a great opportunity to help influence and shape the future of our area.

If you want to find out more, and how to apply, please contact our Clerk using the details below.

You are also welcome to attend our meetings (details on our website) or come along to one of our informal councillor drop-in sessions due to be held over the coming months.

New Website

We have recently updated to a new user-friendly website and we hope that you will find it much easier to find the information you need. We would love to have your feedback about what you like and areas for improvement so do please take a look here

www.bramshottandliphook-pc.gov.uk and let us know what you think.



the current tractor shed at the Recreation Ground and make plans for its removal/replacement.

Radford Park Works Building

If you have visited the car park at Radford Park recently, you will have noticed that the old works building has now been demolished. This is due to be replaced by a new building which will house our grounds team and their equipment. We are hoping to start work in the coming months. Once completed, this will enable us to look at

King's Coronation

By the time this article is printed, we will have enjoyed all the festivities taking place around the King's Coronation. We would like to thank our staff and the volunteers who worked so hard on our own village event at the Millennium Green.

Millennium Centre

Our regular film screenings continue to be popular and, if you have not attended before, we would encourage you to come along. More details can be found on the Liphook Millennium Centre website at www.liphookmc.co.uk

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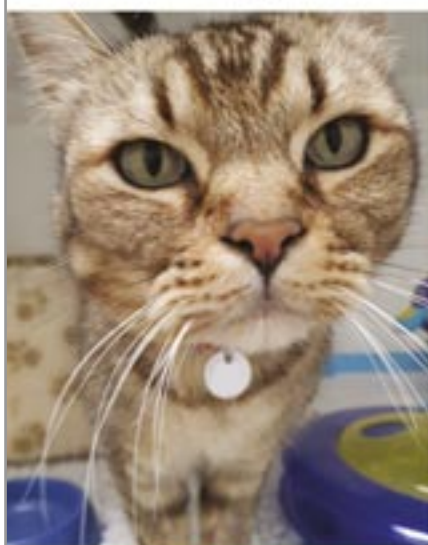
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Countryside Companions By Marilyn Ambrose.

11 THINGS WALKERS DO MORE THAN REGULAR ADULTS

I recently spotted this list and thought it would be fun to see how Countryside Companions scored.

1. Play outside – *tick* – because when you stop and think about it, we usually go outside to go somewhere like shopping or work, whereas our walks are very much about enjoyment of the outside, time to admire the view, observe the signs of the changing seasons, rejoice in the sea of bluebells or the shady woodland on a hot day.

2. Fall over – *tick* – especially on one of our walks at Hindhead earlier in the year during some very frosty weather. Black ice scored us a 3 on that day (although we try not to do this too often).



3. Eat sweets – *virtually never* – although perhaps I should start a Kendal Mint Cake eating club?

4. Wee behind trees – *regularly* – How much 'cover' is there is one of the things we look out for on our prewalks.



5. Point out animals – *continuously* – robins, sheep, cows, horses, deer, alpacas/llamas (always provokes a debate as to which it is), swans, skylarks, buzzards, ducks and most recently butterflies.

6. Slide on icy patches – yes, see no. 2 – fall over!

7. Breathe like a dragon – *again see no. 2* – especially on cold days, and more noticeably if we have just climbed a hill.

8. Get damp bums – *regularly, mainly at coffee stops* – This past rather rainy quarter had many walks where this applied. Indeed, searching out the perfect coffee stop is an essential prewalk activity.



Around an hour into the walk you find yourself scanning left and right for accessible benches or fallen trees and stumps, (preferably with a view) or even just gates/fences to balance your flask on. Similarly the ideal picnic place is another activity. Two recent standouts – on a walk over Weavers Down, the leader had noticed a covered shelter on the Liphook Golf Course which even had Astroturf on the floor. Perfect, he thought . . . but no-one had anticipated they would creosote the walls the day before our walk. (For information, it is possible to get creosote stains off!). Our most recent stop – The Birds Nest (see picture) is perfect come rain or shine (it actually did both during our lunchbreak there). This stop was

on our Easebourne to Henley expedition, which was mainly conducted in bright spring weather, but finished with a biting hail-storm. Outright lunch stops winners here though would be Hambledon pond and Chiddingfold pond – beautiful setting, loads of benches, sun and shade.

9. Hold hands – *hmm* – not unknown, but usually only over stiles or brooks and occasionally when mud hopping, but still a tick.



10. Eat pudding – *sadly no* – on the occasions we stop for lunch in a pub, there is never any pudding eating. However, on the plus side, if cake eating was a category, we would be winners. We have found that village shops especially provide excellent coffee and cakes, e.g. Milland Village shop on our Borden to Milland expedition, Frensham pond which we visited twice on two very different routes in Spring, Elliotts Coffee shop on Chiddingfold Green which was lunch stop on an excursion from Grayswood, and Hazelbank Garden Centre at Tilford, a small but very welcoming stop on our Tilford, Elstead and Fulbrook walk.

11. Sleep like a log – *definitely both at night* – and, it has to be confessed, quite often in the afternoon when returning home after a walk.

To this list could perhaps be added:

- Look out for car parks for suitable starting points for walks
- Do strange things in car parks – hand over suitcases, books, clothing, practise dance routines.



- Admire beautiful country houses and cottages and their gardens – we see so many gorgeous places off the beaten track on our rambles
- Chat and sometimes walk with strangers – fellow walkers always seem particularly friendly, and more than once we have walked with a stranger who could not locate their walking group, so tagged along with us.

So how many of the boxes could you tick?

If you scored 9 (as I am excluding sweet and pudding eating) – if you are not already a member of Countryside Companions, you should be.

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Highfield and Brookham School

TOMORROW'S SCIENTISTS SHOW THEIR METTLE

The scientists, engineers and mathematicians of tomorrow are alive and well at Highfield and Brookham Schools where they turned their creative hands and minds to all things scientific to mark British Science Week.



Boys and girls from across the school immersed themselves in a wealth of activities covering the key scientific disciplines of chemistry, physics and biology, including dissection, vertical and horizontal bridge building,

and producing working junkbots from waste materials.

The bright sparks in Reception created electrical circuits in an ultimately successful bid to produce that lightbulb moment, while the eager children in Year 3 and Year 4 had their finger on the pulse as they turned their hand to probing fascinating fingerprints.

The Year 2 children used paper, sticky tape and ingenuity to build bridges that they hoped would be sturdy enough to carry their moon buggy creations, adding extra weight to the strongest structures, while Year 8 experimented with chemical reactions in the lab and a successful and eye-opening week was rounded off as two year groups took an inspirational trip to the London Science Museum.

Children Sow Seeds for a Brighter Future

Aiming to pave the way for a brighter, more environmentally friendly future and leading by example, pupils from Highfield and Brookham Schools sowed flower seeds in honour of Earth Day.

Pre-prep and prep school pupils joined forces to plant sunflowers in the Nursery garden and scatter wildflower seeds on the golf course to give a helping hand to our prized pollinators - bees and butterflies.



Earth Day is a day of awareness which has gathered pace since its inception in 1970 in a bid to protect the planet and its natural resources for future generations and Highfield and Brookham's young eco warriors didn't need asking twice to get the ball rolling on this year's environmental activities.

Nursery children worked side by side with the Year 8 children, the oldest cohort at the school, to plant sunflowers while the remaining year groups were mixed up to sow meadow wildflower seeds on a dedicated strip of land on the impressive 175-acre site. The children will now keep careful watch and should see the benefits of their labour of love in the next few months.

Liphook u3a

By Gwenda Pate.

Photos by Gwenda Pate and Peter Day.

Early March is traditionally when Liphook u3a opens the doors of the Millennium Centre to show the breadth of what the u3a has to offer locally. There are over 500 members who belong to the Liphook branch of this national institution and to keep them active, informed and entertained there are over 40 groups, many of which displayed their wares on this occasion. All the groups are run by volunteers and are happy to add new members to their list. It was a busy and buzzing afternoon and new people have joined the u3a as well as many of the groups attracting new members.

A warm welcome awaits anyone who missed this event but is interested in finding out more. Contact: chairman1@gmail.com

We had an excellent speaker at our February monthly meeting who provided a most interesting talk about King Henry VIII.

Liphook u3a's History Group celebrated its 10th anniversary in March. We began as a small group of disparate people who had some sort of interest in history, either because it had been a life-long passion or that boring teaching had left the subject cold for us. Only when we had the time to explore some of our rich history when visiting National Trust properties or English Heritage sites did we realise how little we really knew. We limited ourselves to



English history although inevitably this has spilled over into many other parts of the world.

As seems to be traditional we began with the Romans and are now coming to the end of the Victorians, although there are rich seams in between that

we still need to mine. Our meetings take the form of three presentations on the era of the moment, each presented by a member of the group. These vary from straightforward political, social and royal topics to local accounts of the time, often reflecting the particular interests of the speaker.

In the early days we handed round appropriate pictures, but now we are much more up to date. We had a couple of lessons from one of the group on how to give power point presentations and have gone from strength to strength. The papers generally take half an hour or so and at an appropriate point we stop for coffee and biscuits and the usual chat, at which u3a members are very good.



We have a small committee which runs the group informally and efficiently. We have a celebratory session in December which usually includes a visit to a place of historical interest followed by lunch out, and usually another visit, often further afield in the summer. Our numbers have grown since our early days when we comfortably fitted into one of the village rooms in the Millennium Centre to the present day when we almost fill the Canada Room. However, our enthusiasm hasn't dimmed one bit as we proceed through the wide ranging history of our amazing country. Although the group has grown since its small beginnings, we can always accommodate more, so anyone who would like to delve into the past with us is more than welcome to join us. More information on joining us can be gained from rtjones@f2s.com who is the Group leader.



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A Host of Golden Daffodils

By Anne Govier
& Sally White.
Photos by Ann
Haussauer.

Show Secretaries Anne Govier and Sally White were delighted with the number and quality of exhibits in the Liphook Horticultural Society's Spring Show which was held on the first Saturday in April at the Church Centre, Liphook. Every class had entries except one. More popular classes were the Specimen Daffodil bloom, 3 Miniature Daffodils, the Camellia class along with the Photographic class entitled Colours of Spring.

The Conford contingent swept the board winning two cups and a first in the photography. Kim Britt-Harvey (front cover picture) won the Ted Baker Cup for her entry in the Spring Garden Flowers class. Julia Millsom won the Novice Cup for

her daffodils (this being a new cup and category this year) whilst Andrew Smith won the photographic class with his photograph of a river of grape hyacinths running through tulips and other Spring flowers. The Tony West Salver for the best entry in the daffodil classes was won by long standing member Helen Brown for her perfect large cup daffodils.

Mouthwatering cakes were enjoyed by the many visitors who enjoyed the colourful displays.

Our next Show will be the Summer Show to be held on Saturday 22nd July. For further information about the Society, please contact our Secretary, Ann Haussauer on **01428 723045**.



Mixed daffodil exhibits.



Camellia (one bloom) exhibits.



Mixed Spring Flowers.



Helen Brown, winner of the Tony West cup for best daffodil exhibit.



Visitors to the show.



Exhibits at the show.

Millennium Centre

By Gill Snedden, Events & Communications Manager.

It is really lovely to see the Millennium Centre hosting so many events. As well as local groups and organisations, we also have many fitness classes, theatre productions, comedy, children's activities, and the monthly market at the LMC. For details about all our public events please visit: www.liphookmc.gov.uk or pop in and collect our monthly leaflet.

Liphook volunteering groups

We held a social event on the afternoon of Wednesday 26th April, with the aim of bringing together people who would like to volunteer in the community with people who are already volunteering, sharing experiences and having a good time. Our next event is an evening playing board games, on Friday 4th August, 7pm – 9pm. Cheese & Biscuits, Tea & Coffee will be available, please bring your own soft or alcoholic beverages.



Volunteer games afternoon include Richard Knox from Age Concern Liphook, Mary Braitch for Liphook Food Bank and Home Start, Pauline Murdoch, Jayne Kirkby, Gill Snedden, Maria Dos Santos, Prin Stanley & Val Gaskin from the Heritage Centre.

Bunting for the Kings coronation

Twenty lovely ladies gave up their time, to help make Bunting. We organised 3 dates at the LMC and many took away material



to continue at home. All the material has been donated and we have created 700m of Bunting to decorate the Millennium Green for the Kings Coronation Event.

Soup 'n' Natter

Our Friday Soup 'n' Natter has been well supported during the Autumn & Winter months, we will resume this event on Friday 27th October at 12 noon – 1.30pm.

Coffee mornings

Mondays 11am – 12 noon (except Bank Holidays). A chance to catch up with friends.

Community Cinema

Entry £6 per ticket – available from our office, or <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/liphookmillenniumcentre>

Friday 9th June – Empire of Light
Friday 30th June – The Whale
Friday 28th July – A Man called Otto
Friday 11th August – Matilda

You are welcome to BYO drinks and refreshments. Ice creams are sold during the interval.

Coronation Picnic - May 7th

Copy and pictures by Gill Snedden.

Bramshott and Liphook Council are immensely proud of the village support and would like to give a huge thank you to every single



person that participated in this years Picnic & Village Fete on the Millennium Green for the Kings Coronation. It was touch and go with the weather but when finally the day came it developed into the most beautiful occasion, making another glorious day for the people in Bramshott and Liphook. Our event was focused on bringing the community together, being mindful that the event was affordable for all and environmentally aware. We hope that we achieved our goal and that everyone attending had a great experience.



Overall winners of the Best Picnic Display -

Sophie Bubb and Family, who won tickets to Hollycombe Steam in the Country.

Best Union Jack - Recycled Products -

Isabell Roberts age 6.



Planet Dance and Forever Young in the parade ring.

Best Crown Competition -

Ayla - age 6, Holly Jones - age 6 and Mahlia - age 5 were awarded certificates for their entries.

Best Coronation Cake -

Made by Lucy Harding with Ava-Peggy aged 4 years and Charlie aged 11 years.

Stunning Fairy Cakes -

Made by Elaine Heptonstall.

Coronation Biscuits -

Jeanette Kirby and John and Charlie Unsworth received certificates.



Childrens Yoga with Julie.

Bramshott Coronation Street Party - May 8th

Copy and pictures by Gabrielle Pike.

This took place in the church due to the inclement weather. Colonel John Boyd made a toast for King Charles, whilst Reverend Valentine Inglis-Jones provided the blessing. Jamie and Cathy Austin the organisers, looked resplendent in evening dress and the revellers where entertained by Iain Sparks. The Stirrup Horsebox was run by Catherine Menzies and Sarah Hollingsworth. All profits from this event went to Liphook Food Bank.



Party spread.



Bellringers.



Partygoers.



Iain Sparks.



Partygoers.

Vivat Rex!

By Angela Glass.

As close, these ancient walls embrace,
The throng of guests now gathered here,
The noble and the worthy ones
Fill nave and chancel, far and near.

Amid the tombs of Kings and Queens,
Of Chaucer, Dickens, Livingstone,
The murmurs of this compressed crowd
Rise gently round the Scottish Stone.

Behind the cloth clad altar screen,
Seven hundred years, and more, at rest,
King Edward lies, Longshanks by name,
Among the humble, and the best.

Now sound the entrance of our King,
With Consort, page boys, entourage,
While choristers, their anthems sing,
Inside the Abbey, and at large.

Upon the Coronation Chair
Our Monarch sits, all sounds abate,
Anointed with the Holy oil,
Enrobed in triple Robes of State.

Close by in ancient Royal tomb,
Henry the Fifth, and Catherine lay,
Where Clergy, sacraments partake,
Upon St. Crispin's fateful Day.

Proclaim the crowning of our King,
Witnessed by us, and those of yore.
Let "Vivat Rex!" raise high the roof,
And shake foundations to the core.

May Charles, our Monarch, reign with grace,
May empathy and wisdom bring,
Good health, good guidance through his life,
Now raise the toast; "God Save the King!"

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Liphook Hardware

By Paul Robinson.



Do It Yourself has never been my strong suit. In fact, getting the tops off jars, when requested, is a bit of a challenge to me. Mainly because my limited tool kit, inherited from my father, provides the first stumbling block.

When an extending rule is required, I discover that the kids have acquired them as playthings. When a Philips screwdriver is called for, all I can find are bladed screwdrivers. However when a bladed screwdriver is called for . . . you guessed it.

So, when a replacement chain on a wash hand basin is required there is a bit of head scratching. It is at this point that I take myself down to Liphook Hardware in Station Road for a solution. And lo, not only have they got a replacement, but they have it in three different sizes!

On occasions such as this I issue Trevor with, what I describe as a challenge. And, I have to say that he has never let me down. For example they have boxes of individual firelighters when both of our supermarkets have sold out. 60w, bayonet fit,

light bulbs when the Government have insisted that only LED replacements should be stocked. I never mind if there is a bit of a queue, as this affords me the opportunity to browse the shelves where I discover stuff that I have been wanting for ages and so one request ends up with a multiple purchase.

Its at this point that Trevor asks what I am planning to do with these screws / nails / bolts / fasteners / washers / rawlplugs and, when I explain the job in hand, he recommends an alternative that would be more satisfactory and sometimes at half the price.

Trevor Woods and his family have been running Liphook Hardware in Station Road for twenty one years and during that time they have built a solid customer base. His stock reflects both the annual and seasonal demands of his customers, and the range is enormous. De-icers and firelighters in the

winter, garden implements in the spring, decorating equipment inside and out for the summer etc. Home security in the form of locks and padlocks and, when the inevitable happens, they also provide a key cutting service.

There is a selection of kitchenware and food processing products and a sizeable range of dressmaking equipment including ribbons, threads, cottons, needles, zips, buttons and fasteners etc.

There is a wide range of electrical equipment including plugs, sockets, cabling and, of course, a wall of hand and power tools.

I suppose mail order companies will inevitably make inroads into sales from specialist retailers, but only if you know exactly what you are looking for and if you are prepared to surf the web and buy from multiple companies. Liphook is blessed to have a one stop hardware outlet that knows its market and is willing to discuss the customer's wants and is happy to advise with safety and economy in mind.

I Am Not a Robot

By Richard Gould.

"I am not a robot"

How many times have you clicked that box ?

Now they proclaim that AI can write poetry

Another statement to undermine

The Human Disposition

As Life hurtles and careers

Into aspects that breed dissatisfaction

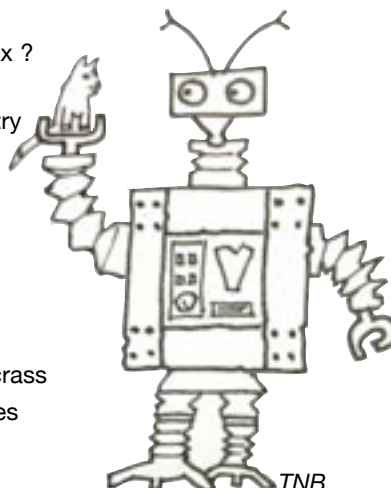
I'm sorry – although I really don't see

Any need to apologise for what seems so crass

If we've reached the point when machines

No longer serve, but see how close

They are getting to being Our Masters



TNB

Perhaps they will rebrand HMV to

Our Masters Choice ?

How can a machine respond to the

Spontaneity of thought or the
motional stimulation of the senses

How can they react to what is seen

What is overheard, a turn of phrase

Let us retain all the failings that we

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A Major New Exhibition

By
Shelley
Jarrett-Tomes.



He loves me . . . he loves me not.
Undated watercolour by Charles E. Wilson.

Covering the years 1859 to 1914, the exhibition features works from the different phases of the period. Starting with those by the first artists to venture here, it goes on to feature work by the watercolourists, for whom South West Surrey's picturesque countryside and abundant wildlife provided perfect material

Anyone with half an hour or so to spare would be well advised to see Haslemere Educational Museum's stunning new exhibition, Haslemere Artists: A Golden Era, which runs from 9th May until 24th June. It will be exhibiting artworks by over thirty of the artists who flocked to this area after the arrival of the railway in 1859 and gives a fascinating insight into this 'golden era' for artists.

both for their popular pastoral scenes and ornithological subjects. Completing the picture are some excellent examples of works by the illustrators for whom easy access to London was so important.

Artists featured include James Clarke Hook RA, whose fine coastal scenes fetched sky-high prices, famous watercolourists, Myles Birket Foster RWS, Helen Allingham RWS and Walter Tyndale RWS and the celebrated illustrators, Charles Keene - who illustrated for Punch for forty years - along with Kate Greenaway RI and Randolph Caldecott RI, both of whom became household names illustrating children's books.

By 1894 the Haslemere area's thriving artistic community was strong enough to establish an art society, The Haslemere Society of Artists, and works by some of their members, including Axel Haig RE and Hedley Fitton RE, will be showing. Reviewing the Society's first exhibition, the Westminster Gazette's commentator wrote, "Not many a country town of two thousand souls could produce so fair a show of talent."

A generous donation for some new art acquisitions and some loans from private collections have allowed the Museum to assemble a most impressive range of oil paintings, watercolours, etchings and illustrations which are displayed across two exhibition rooms.

The exhibition is supported by a book, Artists of the Haslemere Area - A Golden Era, 1859-1914 (£7.50) and will be accompanied by a programme of related events, including tours of the exhibition, a talk with tea, and a talk by a Christie's 19th century art auctioneer. For more information, please visit our web site at: haslemeremuseum.co.uk/whatson

Hope in a Time of Pandemic

By
Rod
Sharp.



I recently took part in an enthralling production of *The Plague* by Alton Fringe Theatre, a stage adaptation written in 2017 by Neil Bartlett of Albert Camus's electrifying story about living through a time of crisis and fighting back against despair.

Alton Fringe first read the play in January 2020 with the intention of staging it later that year . . . we know what happened next! You can find out more about the play and Alton Fringe, including a full review of *The Plague* and information

about their next production, at <https://altonfringe.com>

I am hoping to write an article for our magazine about the impact on our community of the so-called "Spanish 'flu" pandemic of 1918-1920. I would be delighted if anyone who has any information could contact me via our editor Fay Boyett on fay.lcm@outlook.com



The Wonderful Lupins

Copy and photos
by Jenny
Woodsford.

AT TERWICK CHURCH



The church of St. Peter's, Terwick is situated just off the southern side of the A272 Rogate to Midhurst road, about a kilometre east of Rogate. The church

stands nestled in the fields, with the River Rother a little further to the south, and only a few houses dotted around. St. Peter's was built in about 1140 but the cross near the west door is of Norman origin and it is believed people would have gathered here for worship from early days. As the hamlet is small it may also have served as a place of worship for passing travellers as it lies in the River Rother valley which has long been a route for traders.

Going inside, through the ancient and very heavy entrance door, the font is original from the 12th century and the small window set into the wall high above the entrance is believed to be the only original light source when the church was built. The windows along the south wall were added a century later. In the 19th century the church was heavily repaired and renovated including substantial repairs to the attractive chancel arch. Unusually, in a corner on the west wall is a list of all the baptisms carried out in this little church since 1571.



Today its fame is mainly due to the magnificent field of lupins that lies between the A272 and the church. Their presence is thanks to the Rev. George Laycock who was Rector of Terwick for 40 years until his death in 1933. The rectory was nearby and as the parish was so small, he had plenty of time for other interests which included the sowing of the lupin field and using it as a market garden. The church field was gifted to the National Trust in 1939 by the then owner Mrs Hodge, who had adored the view, with the hope that the lupins would continue to grow there.

Lupins were originally grown as a crop (it is a legume) and harvested annually but the field is now managed more as a wild flower meadow with a mix of self-seeding annuals such as ox-eye daisies, vetch, poppies and wild grasses. The field is cropped once a year after the flowers have died down or gone to seed and, in the spring, more lupin seeds are sown to ensure continuing blooms. The best time to visit is June and July when you will be rewarded with a wonderful sight.

After parking at Terwick Church walk through the churchyard northwards into the lupin field. A public footpath goes up the left-hand side of the field with a handy positioned seat to soak up the beauty of the lupins and wildflowers if visiting in the summer. On reaching the A272 cross, with care, and take the public way to the right side of Dower House. Follow this track for about a quarter of a mile until it meets a private drive to Terwick Copse house where you follow the track straight ahead.



This track then brings you onto Terwick Lane, cross straight over the road to the public bridleway. This track is also signposted for a few houses (Wood

Cottage, etc). At the end of the public bridleway, you find yourself on Gatehouse Lane, opposite Fyning Hill Estate. This is a large estate of 424 acres previously owned by Australian publisher and broadcaster Kerry Packer and then the Russian businessman, and Chelsea Football Club owner, Roman Abramovitch. It was previously famous for reputedly the biggest ever burglary (£800,000) in West Sussex in 1983 and also the early release of many young pheasants by Abramovitch's former wife.

Turn left and walk along this quiet lane – when I walked it the only traffic to pass me was a tractor! A little further along there is a public bridleway signpost, positioned on the right side of the road but pointing left. Take this bridleway on the left.

The entrance to this bridleway is next to a five-bar metal gate and alongside the sign for Fyning Recreation Ground. The path runs downhill along the side of Fyning Estate. A few yards on the path splits but go straight on, slightly to the left. This area is beautifully quiet with distant glimpses of the South Downs. When I walked it the estate workers were clearing large areas of the copse along the right hand side of the path which was opening up the views. Take care keeping to the track on the left (bridleway or footpath sign was missing when I walked it!) as the track on the right goes into the Fyning Estate.



The end of this track brings you onto Terwick Lane again. Cross straight over following the public footpath sign which takes you between the fields, where you may see a miniature Shetland pony. This path in turn brings you onto the southern end of Terwick Lane, re-join this, turning left towards the A272.

Cross the A272, turning right for a short distance next to a lovely stone wall, at the end of which there is another public footpath sign going south over the fields and towards the River Rother. At the corner of this garden wall the path splits and if you bear to the left this takes you back over the field to the lupin field, Terwick Church and your car.

An Easy Walk Around Terwick and Fyning Hamlets

Distance approx. 2 ½ miles

OS Map OL33 Starting point grid ref: 818 234

I found this walk after visiting the lupin field at Terwick Church and the two together make a pleasant morning or afternoon's trip out without going too far.

A Tribute to Alan Geddes

LAY MINISTER TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH

By Gabrielle Pike. Photos courtesy of the Geddes Family.



Alan Stewart Geddes was born on 21st August 1936 in a military hospital near Darjeeling India. His parents returned to Britain in 1937 and they settled in Perth.

After leaving school at 15 he enlisted in the Army as a boy sailor in the Royal Navy. In early 1952 he was posted to HMS Ganges near Ipswich and then to Portsmouth where he served on a number of ships.

21st May 1954 was the day when Alan's life changed forever. He had been on leave and was heading back to his ship. An incident involving a train door which landed on Alan made him pass out on the floor of the carriage. A young lady, who was on her way to hear Billy Graham preach at London's Wembley Stadium asked him if she could help. When he got off the train the following morning he dedicated the rest of his life to serving God.

He joined Eastney Evangelical Free Church in Portsmouth which would be his "home church" for the next 30 years. Alan left the Royal Navy at the end of 1958. In January 1959 he started studies at the Worldwide Evangelisation Crusade (WEC) Missionary Training College, Glasgow. It was there that he met his future wife Rae Stevenson. They were married on 6th April 1961 at Springburn Baptist Church.

After a short honeymoon they moved to the WEC conference centre at Kilcreggan while they waited for the opportunity to travel to Brazil with the West Amazon Mission. In July 1962 the couple set sail for Belem with their baby son Stewart. After language school they travelled 1000 miles up the Amazon to Manaus for further language studies. In early 1963, Alan and his family travelled a further 500 miles to Tefé, which became home until 1970.

In 1965 Philip was born and in 1968 Paul. When Rae suffered a haemorrhage and needed urgent medical care, a Brazilian airforce Catalina was passing by and took her to Manaus for a full recovery, while Alan was left to look after three boys on his own.

In the early days at Tefé the church met in a rented house. They applied for a plot of land, which was opposed by the catholic Bishop, but eventually were given a plot on a hill, outside the village next to the jail. When the church was built and whitewashed it shone brightly and was the first building

seen by anyone. There is still a church building on that site, now located in the centre of the town.

Alan regularly travelled the river preaching. In Jacaré, he gave the congregation a hand operated, ex navy Klaxon horn for calling the people to worship which is still there and in use today. The little church has since produced five ministers serving churches in Amazonas.

Alan and Rae were asked to help other churches which involved tiring and dangerous travels by riverboat and on a motorcycle along an unlit road. On one journey Alan fell asleep while riding the bike with Rae on the back, both not wearing any crash helmets. When Alan woke up he was travelling at high speed towards a wooden bridge. He crossed and stopped immediately afterwards to regain his breath and composure.

While in Cametá the mission approached Alan to ask if he would take over as Scottish Secretary on his return from the mission field in 1976. He became their Scottish Secretary in early 1977.

Early 1980 Alan went to work for Securicor ultimately becoming manager of Securicor Glasgow.

In July 1988 the family moved from Glasgow to Liphook into Butlers Cottage on the Hewshott estate, where Rae became a carer for its owner while Alan worked for Securicor training in Richmond.

It was at this time they established links with St Mary's Church which have lasted to this day. Alan also started preaching in local Gospel Halls.

When Securicor was shut down, he joined the newly formed Security Industry Training Organisation (SITO). He wrote the national security training standard for bouncers, travelled to Indonesia and helped the government establish formal protocols for the safe transportation of drugs.

A heart attack in his early 60's and a quadruple heart bypass meant he was never fully fit again. After Alan retired from salaried employment he was able to give more time to his first love of serving Jesus. He trained as a lay reader, and then became one of the lecturers of the lay readers training scheme.

At St Mary's Church in Bramshott, he started taking funerals and became the person of choice for those without a direct link to the church. He had a particular skill in being able to get alongside the family, discover things about the deceased and deliver words of comfort and encouragement at the funerals.

He regularly led the sermon on Remembrance Day, wearing his father's medals and engaging with young children in the congregation. Alan had a special relationship with Liphook Junior School and led the annual Canada Day commemorations. He leaves behind his beloved wife Rea, three sons, Stewart, Phil and Paul, three daughters-in-law, Gillian, Catherine and Clare, as well as nine grandchildren and a great grandson.

CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS IN AND AROUND LIPHOOK

AGE CONCERN LIPHOOK - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - 0800 9177 650.
ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY - Dementia Helpline: 0845 300 0336.
BADMINTON CLUB - Morgan Thompson: 01730 817881.
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (Petersfield and District) - Jenny Peters: 01730 821920.
BELL RINGERS (Bramshott) - Diane Hart: 01428 723798.
BORDON BOULE CLUB - Mr A. Thomas: 01420 478298.
BOWLING CLUB, LIPHOOK - Mike Gunton, Tel 01428 714609, 07594 568190.
BRAMSHOTT EDUCATIONAL TRUST - e: clerk.bramshott.trust@hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY - Sylvia Wise: e: membership@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk
 Carole Baker, e: chair@liphookartsandcrafts.org.uk
BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK BRANCH OF THE EAST HAMPSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION - Angela Glass: 01428 722375.
BRIDGE CLUB (Liphook) Friday Evenings - Mrs M. Paterson: 01428 723177.
BRITISH RED CROSS - Mrs C. Saunders, Chase Community Hospital, Conde Way, Bordon: 01428 488801.
CANCER RESEARCH U.K. (Shop) - 20 Station Road: 01428 724664.
CHILD WELFARE CENTRE CHILD HEALTH CLINIC - 9.30am - 11.00am. Wednesdays. Millennium Centre: 01428 483827.
CHITLEY BRIDGE CLUB - Mr C. French-Lynch: 01428 727939 or Dick Roberts: 01428 722061.
CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - National Number: 03000 0231 231.
CONFORD VILLAGE HALL TRUST - Mrs R. Parry: 01428 751364 and Deputy, Mrs G. Woodward: 01428 751474.
COUNTRYSIDE COMPANIONS WALKING GROUP - Christine Bullard: 01428 722974.
 w: www.facebook.com/Countryside-Companions-Walking-Group-105704895378091/
CRUSE - bereavement care. Confidential counselling and information: 0808 808 1677.
DOGS TRUST DOG SCHOOL HAMPSHIRE - 01329 448243
 e: hampshiredogschool@dogstrust.org.uk
 w: www.dogstrustdogschool.org.uk
DREAMS COME TRUE - Sophie Gunner, Community Fund Raiser: 01428 726330. e: Sophie@dreamscometrue.uk.com
DYSTONIA SOCIETY - Jennifer Wiseman: 01428 722516.
FLORAL DECORATION SOCIETY (Liphook) - Wendy Evans (Sec): 01428 722212.
FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH DOWNS - 01798-8750732.
 e: enquiries@southdownssociety.org.uk
FURNITURE HELPLINE - Gerald Robinson: 01420 489000.
GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION - Pam Higgins: 01428 751572.
HAMPSHIRE BADGER GROUP - Mick Neeve: 01420 87366.
HASLEMERE BORDER ATHLETIC CLUB - e: Contact@hbac.co.uk or w: www@bac.co.uk.
HASLEMERE CAMERA CLUB - Clinton Blackman LRPS: 01428 727403.
HASLEMERE PERFORMING ARTS - Angela Canton: 01428 652360.
HASLEMERE SUB AQUA CLUB - Thursdays at Herons Leisure Centre, 7.45pm for lecture, 8.45pm for pool training.
 w: www.haslemeresubaquaclub.com
HASLEMERE SWIMMING CLUB - Helen Reynolds, e: admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk
GRAHAM INGRAM BAND (BRASS) - Chairman, Maurice Wright: 01428 723940.
HERITAGE CENTRE - 1st Floor Millennium Centre: 01428 723325.
 e: liphookheritage@gmail.com
HOCKEY CLUB (Haslemere Ladies) - Home ground at Woolmer Hill. Pauline McBrown: 01420 477409.
HOLLYCOMBE STEAM AND WOODLAND GARDENS SOCIETY - Mr R. Hooker: 01428 724900.
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) - Secretary: Ann Haussauer, 41 Chitley Way: 01428 723045.
 w: www.liphookhortsoc.org.uk
LABOUR PARTY (Liphook Branch) - Dr. John Tough, Horseshoes, Griggs Green: 01428 724492.
LIBERAL DEMOCRATS LIPHOOK - Mr M. A. Croucher: 01428 723834.
LiDBA - (Businessmen's Association) Sec. Ken Charles: 01428 727438.
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 Liphook, The Steward: 01428 722711.
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LIPHOOK CARERS SUPPORT GROUP - Sonia Meredith: 01428 288913.
 e: soniameredith@icloud.com
LIPHOOK CHURCH CENTRE - Enquiries: 01428 725390.

LIPHOOK COMMUNITY LAUNDRY - Irene Ellis, Chairman: 01428 723823.
LIPHOOK DAY CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY - Peak Centre, 01428 724941.
LIPHOOK DIABETES UK COMMUNITY GROUP - Sandy Maroney: 01428-725193. e: sandy.maroney@hotmail.co.uk
LIPHOOK FOOD BANK - w: www.liphookfoodbank.com 07871 287295
 e: liphookfoodbank@gmail.com
LIPHOOK HISTORICAL WARGAMES GROUP - Trevor Maroney: 01428 725193.
LIPHOOK IN BLOOM - Joan Holdsworth: 01428 724016 or Phil Jordan: 01428 724903.
LIPHOOK & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB - Nick Harling. e: idmrc-Secretary@outlook.com
LIPHOOK MILLENNIUM CENTRE - 01428 723889.
 w: www.liphookmc.co.uk
LIPHOOK MODELLERS CLUB - John Clare: 01428 729967.
LIPHOOK TABLE TENNIS - Peter Ritchie: 01428 727815.
LIPHOOK TENNIS CLUB - Simon Hargreaves: 01420 474899/07717 016374.
LIPHOOK UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB - Chairman: Mark Culverhouse: e: mark@football-fit.co.uk
 John Raeyen: e: media-contact17@liphook-united.org
LIPHOOK VILLAGE HALL - Bookings: e: chair@liphookvillagehall.org.uk
LIPHOOK VILLAGE SURGERY PPG - 01428 728270.
LIPHOOK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - Secretary, Muriel Bullingham: 01428 741237.
LISS IN STITCHES - Deirdre Mitchell: 01730 267214.
LOVE TO SING CHOIR - Liphook Methodist Church Hall. Contact Vanessa K. Breach: 07766 083862 .
LUDESHOTT PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB - Diana Grant: 01428 713706.
LYNCHMERE CRICKET CLUB - Contact Richard Saulet: e: lynchmerecc@gmail.com
M.A.D. COMPANY (Methodist Amateur Dramatics) - 07766 083862.
MEALS ON WHEELS - Apetito: 0808 271 6600.
MUSICAL SOCIETY (Haslemere) - Choir and Orchestra, Rehearsals Mondays. Sue Ecclestone: 01428 605612.
MYAWARE CHARITY (Myasthenia Gravis) - Mrs J. Finney: 01428 776467.
NATIONAL TRUST - Ludshott Commons Committee - Susan Salter: 01428 751409.
OPERA SOUTH - Caroline Martys: 01428 64476 or 07950 646326.
OPTIMIST BADMINTON CLUB - Bohunt - David Lush: 01428 725166.
PARISH COUNCIL - Bramshott and Liphook - The Haskell Centre, Midhurst Road, Liphook: 01428 722988.
PEAK CENTRE - Booking Secretary, Ann Hall: 01428 727751.
PETERSFIELD AREA WILDLIFE GROUP - Mr & Mrs Oakley: 01730 2663920.
RAMBLERS (Liphook & District) - Secretary, Caroline Lemka: 01428 713727. W: www.liphookramblers.wordpress.com
RAPE AND SEXUAL ABUSE SUPPORT CENTRE - 01483 546400 or Freephone: 0800 0288022.
RIVER WEY TRUST - e: office@riverweytrust.org.uk
ROTARY CLUB - Haslemere, Debbie Morley: 01428 643416.
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Sean Brady RM: 0771 100 6847.
ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION (Liss & District) - 01730 895470.
R.S.P.C.A. - Di Fowler: 0771 303 8429.
SSAFA/FORCES HELP (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmans Families Association) East Hants Branch, Divisional Sec., Patricia Lyons: 01420 561264
SELF SUFFICIENCY GROUP - East Hants, Dru Furneaux: 01730 814193.
STANDFORD, PASSFIELD AND HOLLYWATER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - Sue Sergeant: 01428 751326. Hall Bookings, Ron Sergeant: 01428 751326.
TAI-CHI - Diana Forbes: 0777 569 6249.
THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL - Helen Jackson: 0777 539 4230 or 01428 725390.
THE ARTS SOCIETY GRAYSHOTT - Kathy: 01428 608842.
 w: www.theartsocietygrayshott.org
THE ARTS SOCIETY HASLEMERE - Chairman: Mrs Madeleine Boxall. w: www.theartsocietyhaslemere.org.uk
THE BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK HERITAGE SOCIETY (Bramshott and Liphook) - 01428 723325.
THE LYNCHMERE SOCIETY - Conservation and Natural History. Membership enquiries - Louise Searight: 01428 723715.
 w: www.thelynchmeresociety.org
THE TANTUM TRUST (local charity for local people) - Shops in Station Road (01428 727211) and in Bordon, Grayshott & Haslemere, e: info@thetantumtrust.co.uk w: www.thetantumtrust.co.uk
THREE BORDERS KNITTING CLUB - 01428 606957, 01428 712055.
u3a LIPHOOK - e: membership1@liphooku3a.org.uk
VOLUNTARY CARE GROUP (Bramshott and Liphook Parish) - 01428 723972. Transport provided for those in need.
WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Sue Knight: 01428 723502.
WOOLMER FOREST ARCHAEOLOGICAL and HISTORICAL SOCIETY - 1st Wednesday of month, Colin Brash: 01428 713256.
WOOLMER FOREST LIONS CLUB - Ken Bassett: 01428 713285.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PERSONS' CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

ARMY CADET FORCE - No. 6 Platoon, 'A' Company, 1st Battalion
Hants & I.O.W. ACF - Detachment Commander: Staff Sergeant
A. Steven, 07796 268095, Parade Night: Tuesday at Wolfe House,
Bordon, 7-9.30 p.m.

BALLET & JAZZ DANCE CLASSES - from 2½ years at Liphook
Church Centre, Hindhead & Haslemere, Angela Canton, 652360.

CHILDREN'S CHILD HEALTH CLUB - Millennium Centre,
9.30-11.00am, 01420 483827.

CHILD MINDER GROUP - Mon. a.m. at The Village Hall,
Jeanette Kirby, 01428 729404.

DANCE & DRAMA CLASSES - Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz Dance etc., from
2½ years at Headley Village Hall, Grayshott Village Hall and Pinewood
Village Hall, Bordon. Contact Hilary Bishop AISTD on 01428 605290.

FERNHURST CENTRE IT COURSES & INTERNET CAFE -
2, Crossfield, Vann Road, Fernhurst, GU27 3JL. 01428 641931.

HASLEMERE BAND (BRASS) - Graham Ingram, 01252 33828.

INFANT SCHOOL PTA - Lisfa@Liphook-infants.sch.uk

JUDO CLUB - Mr M. Poke, Bohunt Centre, 01428 724324.

LIPHOOK AND RIPSLEY YOUTH MEMBERSHIP - Steve Saycel,
0777 178 8486 or Lrccyouthcricket@gmail.com

LIPHOOK CRUSADERS GROUP - for 4-14 year olds Friday evenings
Church Centre. Contact Church Centre Office, 01428 725390.

LIPHOOK JUNIOR SCHOOL P.T.A. - foljs@liphook-jun.hants.sch.uk

LIPHOOK PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP - Friday am. - Mrs Janet
Stovold, 01428 722333.

LIPHOOK THEATRE CLUB - For 5 - 11 year olds, 01428 722813.

LIPHOOK YOUTH CLUB - John Tough, 01428 724492.

LITTLE BADGERS PRE-SCHOOL 2-4+ - Sports Pavilion, Headley.
01428 714827.

LITTLE LAMBS - Tuesday 9.45 - 11.45a.m., Contact Church Centre
Office, 01428 725390.

MADHATTER NURSERY BOHUNT SCHOOL - 01428 727288.

MATRIX MAJORETTES - Mrs Julie East, 01420 487804.

METHODIST YOUTH - Mrs Sharon Tikaram, 01428 723801.

PETERSFIELD YOUNG FARMERS CLUB - 8-10pm
Suzy Goring, 01420 488325.

RED BALLOON NURSERY - Hammer, Mrs Susan Lovelock,
Magnolia House, Churt Road, Hindhead. 01428 607499.

STAGECOACH THEATRE ART - 4-16 yrs. Drama,
Dance & Singing, 0845 055 6376.

SWIMMING CLUB - admin@haslemereswimmingclub.co.uk

THE ROYAL SCHOOL NURSERY - Portsmouth Road, Hindhead.
01428 604096.

TIDDLERS LIPHOOK INFANTS SCHOOL - Community Room,
Mondays 9.30-11.00am, 01428 725746.

TRAINING BAND - Maurice Wright, 01428 723940.

WEYHILL MONTESSORI NURSERY SCHOOL - Scout H.Q. Wey Hill,
Michele Dows-Miller, 01374 936960 or 01420 472282.

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With guiding girls have fun, adventure and the space to discover their
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District in any section then register at:
www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/
and the unit leader will contact you directly.

Guiding Sections:

RAINBOWS AGES 5-7

1st Liphook Rainbows - Tuesday
2nd Liphook Rainbows - Thursday

BROWNIES AGES 7-10

2nd Liphook Brownies - Mondays
5th Liphook Brownies - Tuesday
4th Liphook Brownies - Thursday

GUIDES AGES 10-14

2nd Liphook Guides - Monday
1st Liphook Guides - Wednesday

RANGERS AGES 14-18

1st Liphook Rangers - Wednesday

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

Young Leaders ages 14-18
Adult Volunteers 18+

For any other enquiries please contact: Girlguiding Liphook District
Chair Ruth Whiting:

liphook-guides@outlook.com

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1st Liphook Scout Group - Scouting offers young people, aged
between 6 and 25, a fantastic range of fun, exciting, challenging and
adventurous activities. In Liphook we have one of the largest and most
active Scout Groups in Hampshire. 1st Liphook Scout Group has over
200 members and runs 3 Beaver Colonies (for those aged 6-8), 3 Cub
Packs (9-11),
2 Scout Groups (11-14) an Explorer Scout Unit (14-18) and has strong
links to our District Scout Network Scout Unit (18-25).

If you live in Liphook or the surrounding villages and you would like your
son or daughter to experience the everyday adventure of Scouting, then
please contact our Membership Secretary, Vic Pires, to find out more
about joining:

membership@liphookscouts.org.uk

If you have any other questions about Scouting or our Group then
please contact:-

- **Bryan Jackson** (Group Scout Leader) on **01428 723248** or by email:
gsl@liphookscouts.org.uk for all enquiries about Scouting and our
sections.
- **Stuart Clark** (Group Chairman) on **07900 463482** or by email:
chair@liphookscouts.org.uk for all volunteer and fundraising
enquiries as well as for general enquiries.
- **Sarah-Jane Anslow** (Treasurer) by email at:
treasurer@liphookscouts.org.uk for subs enquiries.
- **Alison Jackson** (Scout Shop) on **01428 723248** or by email:
alisonjackson@btopenworld.com for all uniform or equipment
enquiries.

Scouting sections:

- Willow Beavers - Monday
- Ashdown Beavers - Tuesday
- Maple Beavers - Thursday
- Downlands Cub Pack - Tuesday
- Oakhanger Cub Pack - Thursday
- Wheatsheaf Cub Pack - Friday
- Shackleton Scout Troop - Wednesday
- Scott Scout Troop - Friday
- Stirling Explorer Unit - Monday

Any changes, please email to Fay Boyett:

fay.lcm@outlook.com

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**Liphook and Bramshott
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in the past year contributed to village
life and helped an individual or
groups of people

Margaret Wilson Community Spirit Award



Please send in your nomination with a
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should receive this award to:

Editor.LCM@outlook.com

By June 30th 2023

The award will be presented in October



Liphook in the sun
May 8th at the
Coronation Picnic

